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AJAY BANGA POISED TO BECOME WORLD BANK CHIEF UNOPPOSED

The Indian-American business leader is the only candidate as no country has proposed another candidate for the post of World Bank president. The World Bank on Wednesday closed a month-long window for nominations for its next president, with no alternatives announced to 63-year-old Banga. He currently serves as vice-chairman at General Atlantic. The bank's board is expected to announce the next steps in its selection process on Thursday, with a view to confirming Banga by early May

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'Dahi' label out as food safety regulator blinks

FSSAI now okay with curd and regional name after Stalin, other leaders condemn order

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WITH a language and political storm building up in the run up to the Karnataka elections following a fiat to label curd packets by their Hindi term *dahi*, the national food safety regulator on Thursday did a sharp U-turn and withdrew its order.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) blinked after Chief Minister M K Stalin and other political leaders condemned the order, terming it an attempt to impose Hindi.

It said the order has been revised following representations from various quarters.

The *dahi* directive was issued by the FSSAI on March 10 to the Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (KMF), Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara District Cooperative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd, Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (Aavin) and Hatsun Agro Products Ltd. In its order to Aavin, the FSSAI had asked it to label its curd sachets as *dahi* (*thayir*) instead of curd (*thayir*). Aavin refused to do so.

The March 10 directive had drawn flak from JD(S) leader

Picture for representation

H D Kumaraswamy and even TN BJP president Annamalai, who is also his party's Karnataka's election in-charge.

The food safety and standards (food products standards and food additives) regulations of 2011 mandate the use of *dahi* to distinguish between dairy and non-dairy products. "It was mandated to avoid non-dairy products being labelled as curd. Therefore, milk cooperative federations such as Aavin were asked to include *dahi* on their curd packets. That order has now been revoked," explained an official. However, an Aavin official has stated that there was no rationale on using the Hindi term.

Now, 'Curd (dahi)' in Hindi or 'Curd (*mosaru*) in Kannada, 'Curd (*thayir*)' in Tamil, 'Curd (*perugu*)' in Telugu can be used, the FSSAI said in a statement.

Rescue workers pull out a devotee from the step well of Beleshwar Mahadev Jhulelal temple in Indore on Thursday | PTI

14 killed as roof of well caves in at Indore temple

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AT least 14 devotees, including 11 women and a child, were killed after the roof of a step well caved in at the private trust-managed Beleshwar Mahadev Jhulelal temple in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday. The tragedy occurred at around 12 noon when a 'havan' (fire ritual) was being performed on the occasion of Ramnavami on the concrete roof of the step well.

"Twelve bodies were retrieved during rescue operations, which continued till late evening. Two of the 19 devotees who were rescued died at the hospital later. Four are battling for life in the ICU," a senior Indore police official said.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan ordered a magisterial probe into the incident and announced ₹5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased, besides ₹50,000 each to the injured, whose treatment will be funded by the government.

Besides, an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh each would be given to the next of kin of each deceased from the PM National Relief Fund, while ₹50,000 would be given to each of the injured from the same fund.

The concrete slab roof of the step well on which the haven was performed was not strong enough to carry the weight of 30-40 people. The platform collapsed suddenly, throwing the devotees standing on it down the 40 ft deep step-well, containing up to 9 ft water.

TEMPLE BUILT ON ENCROACHED LAND?

Local residents say the tragedy could have been avoided had authorities acted against encroachments of the garden-park at Sneh Nagar colony. The Beleshwar temple was built on encroached land, they allege

H-1B visa

Relief for foreign workers

A judge in the US has ruled that spouses of H-1B visa holders can work in the country | P10

Show time, whistle podu!

With the 16th edition of the Indian Premier League beginning in Ahmedabad on Friday, a look at some of the tournament's main talking points

Chennai Super Kings players leave for training at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday | CSK

NEW RULES

Both Rishabh Pant and M S Dhoni have picked up fights with on-field umpires because of seemingly questionable no-ball calls. From this year, teams can take a DRS over wides/no balls too. Besides, there is a Impact Player (essentially a substitute) rule and option of naming playing the XI after the toss

WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

With the final of the World Test Championship less than two weeks after the final of the IPL, some of the Test regulars could be rotated out of their respective franchises due to workload concerns

INJURIES: The likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Jonny Bairstow, Lockie Ferguson and Josh Hazlewood are either out or will miss a part of the season because of injuries | P13

Dhoni's final season?

One of the successful IPL captains, Dhoni, hasn't announced anything officially yet. But there is a feeling that this is set to be Chennai captain's final year as a playing member. Having lit up many a year in the famous yellow jersey, can he inspire the franchise to a fifth title?

Today's match: Gujarat Titans vs Chennai Super Kings, 7.30 PM

IN VARUNA, VIJAYENDRA MAY CONTEST AGAINST SIDDU: BSY

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FORMER chief minister BS Yediyurappa has hinted that his son and BJP state vice-president BY Vijayendra might contest the assembly elections from Varuna constituency in Mysuru district against former CM and senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah.

Yediyurappa told reporters here on Thursday that a discussion in this regard is on. "Siddaramaiah does not know that the ground he is standing on is collapsing. I feel it will not be easy for Siddaramaiah to win from Varuna constituency this time. We will field a strong candidate against him. We will give him a tough fight," he said.

Asked if the BJP will field Vijayendra from Shikaripura, he said leaders of the party will take a decision on it. "We will see what best we can do," he added.

A senior BJP leader told The New Indian Express that a section of party leaders and workers want Vijayendra to contest from Varuna. "There has been no formal discussion in this regard in the state. But leaders in Delhi might be keen on it," the leader said.

Some BJP leaders termed it a speculation as BJP high command may not allow Yediyurappa's son to contest from two constituencies at a time. Vijayendra is said to be keen on contesting from Yediyurappa's Shikaripura constituency.

He has already finished a tour of the constituency. From April 2, he will be touring again and meeting voters and the party workers. Yediyurappa is also in favour of Vijayendra contesting from Shikaripura. P4

KARNATAKA ELECTIONS 2023 DECIDE

EXPRESS READ

Pope hospitalised, condition stable

Rome: The condition of Pope Francis, 86, who was hospitalised on Wednesday with a respiratory infection, is stable, the Vatican said on Thursday. He would remain in hospital for a few more days, it added. His hospitalisation was the first since Francis had 33 cm of his colon removed in 2021 | P11

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POLL MALPRACTICE

T'kuru Rural MLA's election declared void

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THE High Court of Karnataka on Thursday declared the election of JDS MLA DC Gowrishankar from Tumakuru Rural constituency in 2018 as void for poll malpractice.

However, the court stayed the operation of the verdict for 30 days to enable Gowrishankar to file an appeal before the Supreme Court, considering the request made by his counsel.

The counsel had appealed to the court that disqualification would happen automatically immediately after the declaration of his election as void. This would affect Gowrishankar's political career as he desires to contest 2023 assembly elections.

Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav pronounced the judgment through video conferencing. The order was reserved after hearing the parties by Kalaburagi Bench by partly allowing the election petition filed by defeated BJP candidate B Suresh Gowda. CONTINUED ON: P7

EXPRESS INTAKE

BSY: BJP will retain power in Karnataka | P4

AIADMK-BJP ties will continue for LS polls: EPS | P7

Slew of space projects lined up this year | P10

Clashes break out during Ramanavami in Bengal | P10

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WEATHER MIN 22°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST: Light rain. Mostly cloudy
Sunrise 6.17 am | Sunset 6.31 pm | Moonrise 6.17 am | Moonset 6.31 pm

● BBMP chief commissioner to visit all eight zones ● Officials to reach out to apartment complexes

NO VACAY, COME OUT AND VOTE, RWAs TOLD

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

TO ensure high voter turnout than previous elections on polling day in Bengaluru on May 10, a Wednesday, election commission and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials are now reaching out to residents' welfare associations (RWAs) and techies.

The officials will be reaching out to apartment complexes and commercial hubs across eight zones and IT hubs including on the Outer Ring Road, Peenya Industrial Area, textile parks and Electronics City to ensure that people do not treat Wednesday as a holiday, but come out to vote.

"I will be visiting all eight zones, and interacting with the RWAs and working professionals to create an awareness. We will also be creating voters awareness forums with the support of working professionals to encourage people to come out and vote," district election officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath told TNIE.

Police personnel check vehicles at naka points on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway ahead of Assembly elections, in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

In 2018, while Karnataka recorded a 72.44 per cent voter turnout, Bengaluru's was around 55 per cent. In 2013, the poll percentage from Bengaluru was 52.83 per cent while that of the state's was 71.83 per cent. In 2019, Bengaluru's voter percentage was around 50 per cent.

Another senior official said: "Not sure if it's intentional, but the decision of making poll day on Wednesday is a good move. This way, people cannot take an extended weekend and treat it like a summer vacation. We will stressing this upon companies, apartment dwellers and industry bodies to ensure people come to vote."

On the question of whether the awareness forums will encourage people to enrol, Girinath said that people have been given enough time to enrol. Our focus is now on drawing voters to booths. However, those who are coming for enrolment now are being looked at with suspicion if they have any vested interest, and a thorough verification is being done, he said.

Writers deplore Muslim quota removal

Bengaluru: Veteran writer K Sharifa questioned the Bommai-led government's decision to repeal reservation for Muslims, and demanded that the report of the Backward Classes Commission be released. Speaking at a meeting organised by Student Islamic Organisation (SIO), she said that by merging the quota with that of other communities, the government "has sowed the seeds of hatred between communities for vote-bank politics". Writer Harsha Kumar Kugve called the decision of reservation juggling "an injustice". "Even today, Muslims are backward. The decision to suddenly knock off reservation without any expert report is unscientific," he said, adding that the decision will seriously impact the educational progress of the community.

Sangh may move SC over internal reservation

Bengaluru : Members of Akhil Bharat Banjara Seva Sangh (ABBSS) on Thursday said they are upset over the internal reservation implemented by the state government. They are exploring legal options to move Supreme Court. Baburao Chauhan, ABBSS, national president and former minister, told mediapersons that their quota share after revision has not increased. The government is trying to please a section of voters, which is creating a rift among communities, Chauhan said. Chauhan said that if the government was keen on revising reservation policy, it should have equally distributed the quota and accommodated all categories and communities.

IN FULL DEVOTION
An artiste performs during Ramanavami celebrations in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Govt backs big projects, ignores milk supply to schools'

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AMID reports of milk shortage, activists of a civil rights group have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, demanding that milk supply be restored in all government schools and anganwadis across the state.

Members of Ahara Namma Hakku said that milk supply to schools as per the Ksheera Bhagya Scheme has been irregular since January 2023 and discontinued in several districts, even in Ballari, Bidar and Gadag, where malnutrition cases are high.

"Ksheera Bhagya scheme is important not only for a glass of milk but also that children often come hungry to school, and milk is something they consume 15-16 hours after their last night's meal and mid-day meal at school. When such a key scheme has been discontinued, multi-crore projects like Metro Rail and Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway are being inaugurated. The government failed to restore milk powder supply to schools in these districts over the last three months," the group stated in their letter.

They have also demanded that incentives be paid to milk farmers that are pending since November 2022, and ensure that all pending dues between the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) and the education, and women and child development departments, are settled. They also suggested that buffer stocks be maintained by KMF.

Revenue dept processes may slow down

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WITH the model code of conduct in force, Revenue department staffers and are worried about their workload as they have been roped in for election duty. An official of the Stamps and Registration Department said that on average in Karnataka, around 1.5-2 lakh document registration applications are submitted in a month.

As the staffers are deployed for election duties, the momentum of processing applications will slow down, as one person will have to handle the workload of three. There are 34 district-level officers and around 50 per cent of them have been put on election duty, the official added.

Unlike other departments like the BWSSB and Bescom, the official said revenue department officials are in direct contact with the people, but are not essential services category.

NO POLL CODE HALT FOR BBMP WORK WORTH ₹6K CRORE

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH the model code of conduct is in force, BBMP top officials dismissed apprehensions that civil works will be affected.

They said that there is a system called the Project Management Consultant (PMC) under which works worth Rs 6,000 crore will be executed including that of storm water drains and flyovers and others.

BS Prahalad, Engineer-In-Chief, told TNIE, "Work under Amrut Nagarothana is going on. Many works are being executed by the engineering department as they have to be completed on time. To ensure these works are not hampered, the BBMP has listed those under the PMC, which means a contractor who bagged the tender have to deliver on time, and BBMP officials will have to undertake periodic inspection and quality checks."

The work for which orders have been issued and those in progress will not be hit because of the model code of conduct. This time, BBMP has not roped in many officials for poll duties
Tushar Girinath, BBMP Chief Commissioner

He added that under the Nagarothana grant of Rs 1,500 crore, the Palike has started road asphalting, and has almost completed work on 477 km of road.

Storm water drain repair works have also been undertaken to prevent a recurrence of the flood situation last September. Similarly, the elevated corridor at Yelahanka worth Rs 170 crore is also going on, and 40 per cent of the work is done.

Prahalad's said that BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath has said no ongoing work will be halted. "The work for which orders have been issued and those in progress will not be hit because of the MCC. Unlike previous elections, this time, BBMP has not roped in many officials from the engineering department for election duty. For example, storm water drain work is a priority as the monsoons are approaching. So, this time, work load for engineers is not much. Besides, KAS officers have been roped in for election-related works," said Girinath.

UVCE staff salaries in doubt, students protest

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HUNDREDS of students from University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) protested against their management on Thursday amid reports that the state-run institution is unable to pay its staff due to a fund crunch. Students joined the protest along with teacher unions and alumni against lack of funds for basic needs and staff salaries.

Recently, the government had given UVCE autonomous status, allowing it to be developed on the lines of an IIT, and take its own financial decisions. The recent budget had provided a separate allocation for paying salaries of UVCE staffers, which was earlier included under the Bangalore University allocation.

However, UVCE has asked BU to continue to pay salaries of their staffers for the upcoming year, as the money allocated to UVCE is not adequate.

BU stated they are unable to provide salaries for UVCE staff as no fund has been allocated to the university for it.

University authorities stated they will not be able to pay UVCE staff from March 31, and the staffers would be left unpaid for the month. UVCE students blamed the state government for the crisis.

Students protest against the government on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Election rallies may hamper bus services, worry commuters

A large number of people everyday depend on public transport. Their lives and livelihood depend on it. Hiring buses for rallies will mount problems for people
Shaheen Shasa, Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

AFTER the Election Commission announced the Assembly poll schedule, commuters who take BMTC and KSRTC buses are worried that political parties might hire buses for rallies, hampering regular services.

Commuters hoped that bus corporations remember their primary job is to give proper services to people, and do not cancel buses or drastically change schedule as a result of buses being hired for rallies.

KSRTC is already struggling with shortage of buses in rural parts. When Union Home Minister Amit Shah was in the city on March 24, regular bus services were hit as BJP workers were ferried in large numbers from one event to another.

"Buses come at an interval of 15 minutes. But on March 24, I had to wait for over 45 minutes to get a bus to KR Market. The conductor said that at least four buses on that route have been hired for political events," said a commuter from Kumaraswamy Layout. Shaheen Shasa of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike, a forum for bus commuters' rights, said, "A large number of people everyday depend on public transport. Their lives and livelihood depend on it. We are already facing contracting fleet size and staff shortage. Hiring buses for rallies will mount problems for people."

"If the political parties care for the people, they should refrain from hiring buses for rallies," she said. The total fleet size of all four road transport corporations-KSRTC, KKSRTC, NWKSRTC and BMTC -- is around 20,000. An official from one of the corporations said they can accept bookings up to 15 per cent of the total fleet without affecting regular services. They charge is Rs 57.50 per km with a minimum of Rs 11,500 per day, irrespective of the seating capacity.

BMTC MD Sathyavathi said they haven't received any bulk bookings yet. KSRTC MD Anbu Kumar did not respond.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

31st March: Today is special to the planet Venus, the representative of the creative pursuits and all innocent pleasures. If you fancy honing your musical, artistic or theatrical skills, or just planning an overdue party, then today is your day. And, if you are at work, find enjoyment in the most routine and practical activities.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Emotional influences are now tugging on your impulsive personality, encouraging rash decisions. However, you will probably find it rewarding to spend extra time at home. For your own sake, wherever you go, whatever you do, try to create a cosy atmosphere.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may currently be out on a limb, although it doesn't seem to matter too much. Only if money is concerned will you be obliged to make it absolutely clear to other people that you must be included. And if they have any sense they'll listen to your wise words.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
After a few emotional ups and downs, the focus in your chart moves on to money. It's therefore time to be more business like than in the past and make sure that recent mistakes are corrected. If there's someone who can give you real, practical assistance, ask sooner rather than later.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Mars is once again insisting that you brook no interference in affairs which concern you and you alone. People who think differently will soon discover that you are a force to be reckoned with. In fact, they might regret opening their mouths in the first place!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Decisions and discussions at home should now be completed. There may still be questions concerning children to consider, but that is another matter. Try to spend whatever time is necessary recharging your emotional batteries, ready for the next stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You would be well-advised to stick to what has been agreed so far, at least until other people send signals that they are ready for change. You may accept social invitations that you might once have turned down, all in the cause of broadening your horizons.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You must be prepared for challenges at work or criticism of your motives. Welcome such developments when they come, and realise that their purpose is to encourage you to do even better in the future. It's difficult to think of any area in which there is no room for improvement, so jump to it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The Moon is smiling on all emotional, romantic individuals. This is precisely the sort of planetary picture which endows you with confidence in your feelings, and therefore with the ability to make the most of your charms. There could be times when you're irresistible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Domestic spending moves up your daily agenda, hitting potentially expensive points at various key moments. These are therefore times to guard your wallet and use your resources with care! Plus, if you're going to take an emotional risk you'd better make sure you're not about to hurt someone who is important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon's curious relationship with your sign will oblige you to take note of partners' desires. In fact it's fair to say that you'll ignore them at your peril: even if you get away with it today, they'll catch up with you tomorrow. Or the day after!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You should now be beginning to feel the benefits of Venus' soothing presence in your chart, including a more balanced attitude to relationships and an ability to express your feelings with greater confidence. Discretion is one of your better qualities at the moment, by the way.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Take a little time off today. If you absolutely must deal with routine activities, try to do so as positively as you can, injecting as much of your personal creative energy as is possible in the circumstances. You are set to impress - as long as you believe in yourself.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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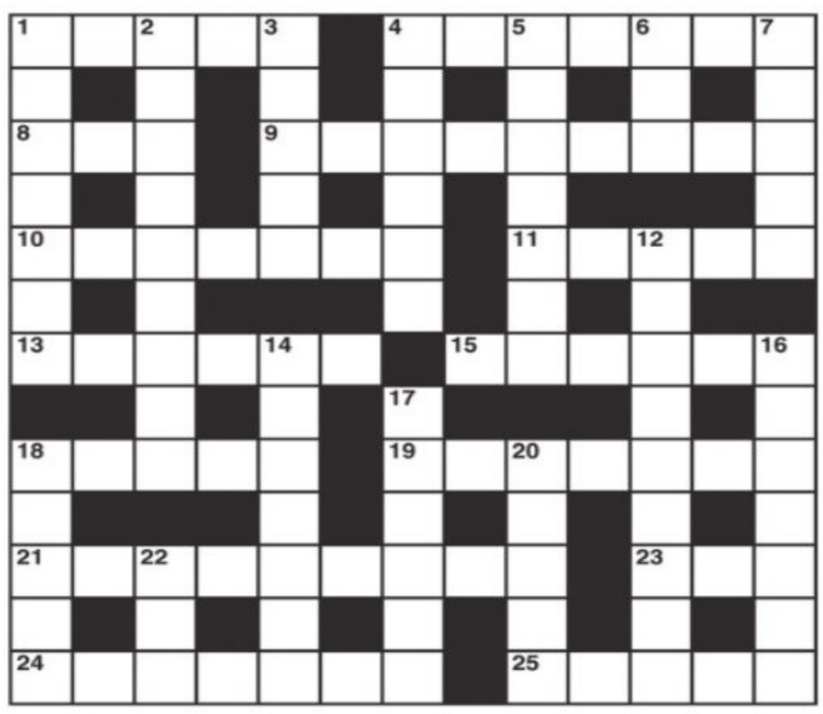

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Image to carry on the first of March (5)
4 Angela's cooked an Italian dish (7)
8 Weapon that comes to hand (3)
9 Chided for having a bun perhaps (9)
10 A word of praise (7)
11 Fruit; soft and well-rounded (5)
13 More unfortunate choice in the marriage ceremony (6)
15 Suitable voice for a trio? (6)
18 Dramatic episode is witnessed we hear (5)
19 Put some notes in order? (7)
21 Hardly the type to make a good lookout (9)
23 Anger in answering back (3)
24 An outside line to ring (7)
25 Not left any entitlement (5)

DOWN
1 It provides drink from a pot he's brewed up (7)
2 To a doctor a precious thing is the last tablet (9)
3 Be sorry for one who is late (5)
4 In astrology his life is in the balance (6)
5 Clear off unruly campers (7)
6 Gallivant with a son of Jacob (3)
7 Finish on your head maybe (3,2)
12 Stiff - but relaxing (9)
14 Eeyore's upset by a blemish (7)
16 Peak time before break (7)
17 Obvious protection for inventive types (6)
18 Change of clothing (5)
20 It goes round up or down (5)
22 Upset the fruit barrel (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Calculator, 8 Berry, 9 Founder, 10 Apostle, 11 Stoic, 12 Kitbag, 14 Adored, 17 Puffs, 19 Elector, 21 Control, 22 Flies, 23 Easy manner.
Down: 2 Airport, 3 Crypt, 4 Liffey, 5 Trussed, 6 Rodeo, 7 Procedures, 8 Blank space, 13 Asserts, 15 Ratline, 16 Bedlam, 18 Fence, 20 Elfin.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

ESEGE

LATPN

SBLUIY

GLIRCA

What did you make them out of?
Put it there, but be careful.
I won't get any crumbs on you.
Magic, I guess.
WHEN THE FAIRY-TALE COOKIE MEN SHOOK HANDS, THEY DID IT ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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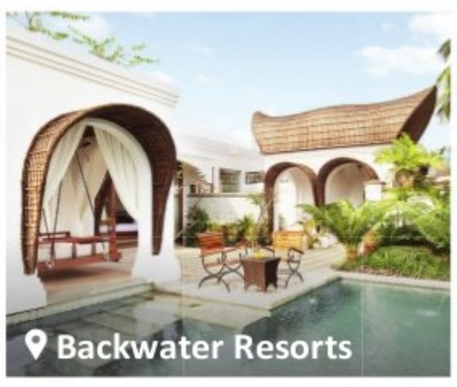
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JUDGE CHILL PARDON BAMBOO
Answer: When the 3 started dating the 5, the result was — AN ODD COUPLE



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"The Congress ensured that burning issues remain alive rather than solving them and did politics on this issue. However, the BJP, in the last nine years, has been trying to solve them effectively," Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai said on Thursday

BSY: I KNOW PEOPLE'S PULSE, BJP WILL RETURN TO POWER IN STATE

Veteran Lingayat leader says Congress' Rahul Gandhi no match for PM Narendra Modi

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SENIOR BJP leader and former chief minister BS Yediyurappa said three surveys conducted by the party have given it 130 to 140 seats in the upcoming Assembly elections.

"I have been in politics for the last 50 years and I know the pulse of the people. With cooperation of all MPs from Karnataka and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we will return to power," he told reporters here.

The Lingayat strongman reiterated that he will not contest the elections. Yediyurappa said that he will travel to all 224 constituencies in the state in the next 2-3 days. "I have already spoken to Home Minister Amit Shah in this regard. All our MPs will stay in their respective districts. We will work to ensure that the BJP candidates win by a huge margin," he added. He also reiterated that no one will quit the party.

On the issue of reservation, Yediyurappa said the government has not done any injustice to Muslims. "One should not mislead... reservation cannot be given based on religion," he said.

On protest by Banjaras over reservation, he said, "We are trying to convince them. There could be some misunderstanding. Throughout the state, everybody is happy. Only in one or two places, such incidents have happened," he said.

On ticket distribution, he said that the party high command will take a final call. "Based on our reports, tickets will be given to winnable candidates... those who are not given tickets, will work for the party," he added.

Yediyurappa also took a dig at the Congress saying Rahul Gandhi is no match for PM Narendra Modi. "In Karnataka, a few of them (Congress leaders) are day dreaming of becoming CM. It will not happen. Congress will not win more than 70 seats," he claimed.

Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa at the BJP office in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ONE WHO WINS OLD MYSURU WILL WIN KARNATAKA

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

OLD Mysuru, the traditional battleground of straight fights between old rivals Janat Dal (Secular) and Congress, is witnessing swift political changes, turning it into the most bitterly fought belt this time. There is a possibility of a triangular contest, with the BJP leaving no stone unturned to challenge its rivals.

The region, with three chief ministerial candidates, is billed as the key to the corridors of power. All three parties, keen to win the Vokkaliga-dominated region, believe that whoever wins Old Mysuru will win Karnataka.

The 52 seats (other than Bengaluru city) in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Chamarajnagar and Hassan districts are crucial for the BJP, Congress and JDS. Independent MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, who has considerable goodwill in the region as the wife of popular star Ambareesh, extended her support to the BJP.

Judging the importance of the region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah held road shows and addressed rallies to catalyse the cadre, and send a message that it may be the beginning, but it has a bigger plan to win at least 35 seats.

The party has rightfully claimed credit for reopening the historic MySugar factory and Pandavapura Cooperative Sugar Factory. The JDS was the first to hit the streets to consolidate its hold in the Vokkaliga heartland. At 93, party supremo H D Deve Gowda is leading the charge, and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy's Pancharatna Yatra has entered the hinterland.

There is a possibility of Kumaraswamy again emerging kingmaker, if the JDS gets more than 40 seats and consolidates its support base among farmers, who still recall the farm loan waiver. But it remains a do-or-die battle for Kumaraswamy, as his party will come under threat if it fails to put up a good show in Old Mysuru.

The JDS is also trying to shore up its minority votes, and is making special efforts to see that it is not seen as the BJP's B team.

For the Congress, former CM Siddaramaiah's political battle has turned into a prestige issue. Siddaramaiah, who lost from Chamundeshwari, will have to prove his mettle this time by scoring big in the region, as he is contesting from his traditional Varuna constituency. Special efforts are visible to woo the dominant Vokkaliga community, which had largely remained loyal to the JDS.

The Congress is also banking on Siddaramaiah's Ahinda consolidation, minorities, and other smaller communities. The party hopes to gain from the fact that both CM aspirants -- Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar – are from the same region. The possible division of Vokkaliga votes is being challenged by Shivakumar, who is making an emotional appeal to elect a Vokkaliga as chief minister again. These developments are throwing open a triangular contest for the first time in many of the seats.

For the BJP, a win is a compulsion, ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, as the momentum created by the assembly elections could prove beneficial next year.

BJP to start internal review to pick candidates

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will start the process of internal review to choose its candidates for a tightly contested assembly poll from Friday, informed sources told TNIE.

According to internal BJP sources, a team of 170 members comprising Members of Legislative Council (MLCs), senior party leaders and state committee members will visit all assembly constituencies from Friday, and take informed opinions of former MLCs, MLAs and others on a one-to-one basis, regarding the probable candidates. "Each team will comprise three members, and visit every assembly segment," said sources.

"The members will collect the names and reports of all probable candidates, which will be shared with the state core committee headed by state unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel. The same list will be later submitted to the BJP's top leadership -- the central election committee -- headed by BJP National President JP Nadda, with an internal survey, comments and opinion of the state committee and external (intelligence) reports," said a party insider. "The credentials for ticket distribution will rest heavily on the winnability factor, in which caste and community of the candidate will play a dominant role, besides past performance, popularity, organisational skills, party work etc," he added. The BJP is likely to announce its list of candidates by next week.

Sources added that the BJP follows the same practice of strict internal review and assessment from the grassroots level, while choosing candidates for national party president to booth president.

There are 58,200 polling booths in Karnataka. The BJP has 45,000 booth committees in the state. Known for its organisational skills at the grassroots level, the party had conducted its Booth Vijay Abhiyan from January 2 to 12 this year, to reach out to every household to increase its presence in every booth, and assess booths where the party had secured less votes. The BJP's Shakti Kendras have been playing a key role in capacity building of booths. The party has 6,500 Shakti Kendras (SKs) in Karnataka, each comprising three to five booths. Eight to 10 SKs constitute one Maha Shakti Kendra.

SIDDARAMAIAH MAY MISS THE KOLAR BUS

V VELAYUDHAM @Kolar

LEADER of Opposition and senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah, who has decided to contest from Varuna and Kolar constituencies, may have to choose Varuna if the party high command goes by a report from the state unit. The report says Kolar is not "safe" for Siddaramaiah. It is said that he may be asked to contest only from Varuna constituency.

Sources said Siddaramaiah was declared a candidate for Varuna in the first list after Rahul's approval. However, when the Congress did not announce its candidate for Kolar, it was believed that Siddaramaiah may contest from this constituency also. Siddaramaiah also told reporters recently that party workers pressured him to contest from Kolar and hence, he would contest from this constituency also. "This will be my last election," he had said.

Siddaramaiah had contested from Chamundeshwari and Badami in the last elections. He was defeated in his home turf of Chamundeshwari by a huge margin. Considering this, Rahul is said to have told Siddaramaiah to concentrate on a single constituency and campaign for the party across the state, according to sources.

Meanwhile, prominent local Congress leaders have started lobbying for Kolar ticket if Siddaramaiah is not given ticket to contest from this constituency, the sources said.

One of the aspirants said even senior Congress leaders in the state want Siddaramaiah to contest only from one seat. However, a confidant of Siddaramaiah said, "He will contest from two seats. Even Rahul will not oppose if Siddaramaiah tells him that he wants to contest from two seats."

Former Gubbi MLA SR Srinivas of JDS joins Congress in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

More from JDS, BJP to join Cong: DKS

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KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Thursday claimed that 37 Janata Dal (Secular) leaders are set to join the Congress. "A few have already joined our party and the remaining, including Arsikere MLA KM Shivalinge Gowda, will join the Congress soon," Shivakumar told reporters after former Gubbi JDS MLA SR Srinivas joined the Congress.

The Kanakapura MLA claimed that more leaders from rival parties will join the Congress ahead of the May 10 Assembly elections.

"There is a list of those joining the party and they will be inducted into the party in a phased manner," he said.

He said several BJP leaders, including Puttanna and Baburao Chinchansur, who resigned as MLCs, have joined the Congress. "BS Yediyurappa's close aides Mohan Limbikai and UB Banakar, CM Basavaraj Bommai's close aide Manjunath Kunnur and many others have joined the Congress," he added.

He said Srinivas joining the Congress will boost the party's performance not only in Tumakuru but the entire Old Mysuru region. "KM Shivalinge Gowda has also expressed his intention to resign as an MLA and join the Congress soon," he claimed.

In the past, former MLCs Beml Kantaraju and Manohar and Kolar MLA Srinivasa Gowda quit the JDS and joined the Congress. "As many as 37 leaders, including Madhu Bangarappa from Soraba and Devendrappa from Davanagere, have joined the Congress from JDS," he elaborated. Shivakumar also criticised the BJP for accusing him of inviting BJP leaders to join the Congress. "Bommai accused me of calling BJP MLAs and inviting them to join the Congress. But the BJP knocked at the doors of 18 MLAs, including 13 from the Congress, to form the government," Shivakumar said.

Meanwhile, CLP leader Siddaramaiah expressed confidence that the party will come back to power in Karnataka. "People feel that only the Congress can save the state from corruption and misrule. Many MLAs and MLCs from JDS and BJP are joining the Congress," he said.

He also said that the JDS will never come to power on its own as former prime minister HD Deve Gowda and former CM HD Kumaraswamy are no longer new faces in politics. "In JDS, the Gowda family's decision is final...other leaders cannot express their opinion. I was removed from the party for expressing my opinion and now SR Srinivas has faced the same fate," he said.

CONG 2ND LIST SOON, NETAS MEET NEAR KIA

BENGALURU: At a clandestine location in North Bengaluru near KIA, Congress leaders were in a huddle since noon to finalise candidates for the second list, which is likely to be released in a few days. Mohan Prakash, chief of Screening Committee, Congress state in-charge Randeep Surjewala, CLP leader Siddaramaiah, KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Opposition leader in Council BK Hariprasad, former DCM Dr G Parameshwara, and AICC secretaries and PCC working presidents -- Ramalinga Reddy, Eshwar Khandre, Saleem Ahmed, and campaign committee chief MB Patil were among those discussing relevant feedback and survey reports. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, who heads the Central Election Committee, will then approve the names. There are also discussions about accommodating Left candidates and farmer leaders. Where there are multiple objections and lack of consensus, such candidates will be kept for the third list. ENS

BJP, CONGRESS LEADERS CONTACTED ME, SAYS HDK

BENGALURU: JDS leader and former CM HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday said that the BJP and the Congress leaders are perturbed about the regional party gaining strength in Karantaka and some of them have even approached him. "There is a competition in both parties to take JDS into confidence. Some people (from Congress and BJP) have contacted me. But, our aim is to get a majority on our own and not think of winning 60-65 seats to form a coalition government," the former CM told reporters in Bengaluru. He said the Congress and BJP leaders, who are claiming that they will win 140 seats, are making such statements sitting in AC rooms. "We have worked in the field and know the reality. We are confident of getting majority on our own," he said. His remarks are significant considering the post-poll scenario in which no party gets a clear majority. After 2018 elections, the Congress went with the JDS to make Kumaraswamy the CM. But, the coalition government collapsed after 17 Congress and JDS MLAs resigned and joined BJP. The JDS leader warned state Congress and BJP leaders against speaking lightly about the JDS. As part of their political strategy, national parties get surveys and in the last elections, a survey by the same company had given 120 seats to Congress, he said. He termed them paid surveys. ENS

POLITICAL THEATRE

Voters equally culpable for forming freebie culture, says Horatti

VIJAYAPURA: Chairman of the Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti has blamed voters for making politicians corrupt either by demanding or accepting freebies from them. Addressing media persons in Vijayapura on Thursday, he said that some people behave as if their whole life is dependent on freebies only. "No matter how much effort we put to make elections inducement-free, the bad trend of trading votes for freebies will continue until the people realise that it is not right. If you accept gifts from the politicians, after the victory, the elected representative will always say that people have not voted them for free and it was done in exchange of the gifts," he said. He opined that if people wish, they can bring substantial transparency in elections by not getting lured to gifts and inducements. ENS

NCO case filed against DKS for 'cash throw'

MYSURU: At a time when BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, have expressed displeasure over KPCC president D K Shivakumar throwing currency notes over people during the Prajadhvani rally at a village near Srirangapatna in Mandya district, the Mandya police have registered a non-cognisable offence case against the Congress leader. Mandya SP Yathish N said no FIR has been registered, but only an NCO case has been filed following a complaint. The alleged offence took place during the Congress' Prajadhwani Yatra on Tuesday, a day before the ECI announced dates for the Assembly elections. A complaint was filed and the complainant was referred to a magistrate in connection with the incident, which has been videographed, wherein Shivakumar is allegedly seen throwing currency notes over people during a road show in the district. ENS

Women burn sarees 'gifted' by Cong neta

DAVANAGERE: A group of women allegedly set sarees, given by a Congress legislator and his son, on fire in the old city of Davanagere on Thursday. Bags carrying photographs of Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa and his son SS Mallikarjun were given to voters in Davanagere city. Unimpressed, the voters said that they were capable of purchasing better sarees, and rejected the reportedly cheaper quality sarees. They alleged that the sarees in question cost a modest Rs 60 a piece and burnt them on the road. Meanwhile, gift politics is rife in Davanagere where politicians are busy distributing goodies among voters. When a large number of people are accepting it, others are rejecting it. ENS

Six-time legislator Ramesh Jarkiholi faces a daunting task in Gokak

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

EVEN as Gokak sitting MLA **Ramesh Jarkiholi** is confident of a seventh straight win in the May 10 Assembly election, the Congress is working out its strategies seriously in a desperate attempt to halt his juggernaut. Given the large Lingayat population which holds the key in Gokak, the Congress is likely to choose between Ashok Pujari and Mahantesh Kadadi, the two potential Lingayat faces from Gokak, as its candidate.

Jarkiholi has been able to establish a strong base for him in Gokak having won all the last six polls. Including Lingayats, SC/STs, OBCs and upper caste population, sections of all communities have extended their support to Ramesh Jarkiholi until now. However, the Lingayat community which has more than 75,000 voters in Gokak, is divided this time with many Panchamasali Lingayat leaders in both Congress and BJP working together to defeat Jarkiholis.

While a section of Lingayats blame Ramesh for the defeat of Mahantesh Kavatagimath (BJP) in the last MLC polls from local bodies constituency of Belagavi, many Lingayat leaders have joined hands with MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar (a Panchamsali Lingayat) and KPCC president DK Shivakumar to ensure Ramesh's defeat.

Given the recent developments, his worsening rivalry with Hebbalkar and Shivakumar could deprive Ramesh of the major chunk of Lingayat votes. However, whether or not Lingayats would support Ramesh depends on the candidate to be fielded by Congress.

Ashok Pujari who has lost four Assembly elections from the same segment (thrice as JDS candidate and once from the BJP) is likely to emerge as the Congress' consensus candidate. He lost the 2018 Assembly election as a BJP candidate by a small margin against Ramesh, who was then fielded by the Congress. Pujari enjoys a massive support of Lingayat mutts. The Congress leadership also has Mahantesh Kadadi on its list for Gokak.

Even as Ramesh has the advantage of consolidating the Lingayat and upper caste votes for being a BJP candidate, several noted BJP leaders in Belagavi region also are working against him, sources said. As to how he will bolster his position to continue his winning streak will be an interesting factor to watch.

'BJP hasn't done injustice to me'

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ASKED about his recent announcement that he will retire from electoral politics as he had been "sidelined" in the party, Yediyurappa said some leaders are trying to mislead people stating that "injustice to Yediyurappa is injustice to the Lingayat community. This is not true. I appeal to the community members that BJP has not done any injustice to me or Lingayats. The party made me MLA, MP, chief minister and also gave me important positions. I am a member of the party's parliamentary board too," he said.

Meanwhile, KPCC president DK Shivakumar dared the BJP to field a formidable candidate against Siddaramaiah. "Let the BJP field Yediyurappa against Siddaramaiah," he said when his attention was drawn to the speculation that BJP is planning to field BSY's son Vijayendra against Siddaramaiah in Varuna.

The health department has suspended all processes related to Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Janaroga Yojana (ABPMJAY) — Arogya Karnataka — in view of the Karnataka elections in May. All activities related to identity cards, including distribution of the cards to beneficiaries, stands suspended as the election code of conduct is in force

ED attaches assets worth Rs 106 crore in Chinese loan app case

Companies gave fake details, recovered money through torture, threats

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached Rs 106 crore worth of assets in the Chinese loan app case, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the agency stated in an official release on Wednesday.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Cyber Crime police station, Bengaluru, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Karnataka Money Lenders Act, Information Technology Act and Karnataka Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act against numerous entities/persons, for their alleged involvement in extortion and harassment of the public who had availed of small loans through mobile apps.

"The ED investigation revealed that the entities were incorporated by appointing dummy directors on behalf of some Chinese nationals, who used to obtain the Know Your Customer (KYC) documents of company staff, appoint them as directors of such entities and even opened bank accounts in their names without their knowledge or prior consent," the Central agency stated.

"These entities were involved in illegal/criminal activities by submitting fake addresses in KYC documents, and taking assistance from various professionals and other persons. They provided instant short-term loans to the public through loan apps and other means, charged them high processing fees and exorbitant rates of interest. These companies recovered money from the borrowers by threatening them and causing mental torture. They would even contact borrowers' family members, relatives and friends, asking them for the money. These Chinese national-controlled entities indulged in money laundering activities through merchant IDs maintained with various payment gateways – Razorpay, Cashfree, Paytm, PayU, Easebuzz and bank accounts maintained with various banks, and thereby generated proceeds of crime," the ED added.

CELEBRATING CITY'S HISTORY

Karaga-bearer Gnanendra performs a ritual for Bengaluru Karaga at Cubbon Park on Thursday | VINODKUMART

Youth repeats dialogue from web series, in trouble for Pak slogan

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A 24-year-old youth landed in trouble for allegedly raising a pro-Pakistan slogan, after he repeated a dialogue while watching a web series.

The youth, who hails from Kolkata, lives in a paying guest accommodation in BTM Layout in Bengaluru city, and is in search of a job.

The police said he was at a tea stall on Wednesday afternoon and watching a web series on his mobile phone.

He reportedly mouthed a dialogue from the show, which contained the word 'Pakistan'. People around him mistook it to be a pro-Pakistan slogan, and reported the matter to the police.

"The youth, who has completed BBM and BHM and is currently in search of employment, was taken into custody and questioned. It was found that he repeated the dialogue as he was excited. We also checked the dialogue in the web series, and there was nothing objectionable in it. He was freed after registering a non-cognisable report and recording his statement," the Mico Layout police elaborated.

CRIME PATROL

Guard ties up vet's wife, flees with gold, valuables

BENGALURU: A Nepalese couple, working in the house of a veterinary professor, tied up his wife and decamped with gold valuables. The incident took place in BHBCS Layout in Veerannapalya on Wednesday. The police said Dr Arshan Shaheed lodged a complaint, stating that a man called Deepak had been working as a guard in his house for 45 days, and was staying with his wife on the same premises. "The accused escaped with 250gm of gold valuables and a phone," the police said.

Nimhans to get Rs 100 crore for brain and mind research centre

BENGALURU: Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies has announced a grant of Rs 100 crore to the NIMHANS and National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), to set up the Centre for Brain and Mind (CBM). The grant will enable long-term research and practice to provide relief to patients diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, dementia and addiction. A MoU was signed, under which the foundation will support the activities of the CBM for the next five years, starting April. It will pursue long-term research and capacity building for both research and practice in the mental health field. Rohini Nilekani, chairperson, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, said, "Mental health is an area that demands more attention and support. The recent pandemic brought out this need even more starkly. The Centre for Brain and Mind hopes to build an ecosystem for the larger community of mental health practitioners. Its research on five critical disorders, which will no doubt be pathbreaking, will be open-sourced to allow more innovation in both academics and practice."Experts opined that the grant will strengthen existing research practices, and allow the database and repository to become open source, and reach its potential of maximum utilisation by scientists all over the world. The capacity-building component of CBM's work will entail better methods of public engagement, with interventions around severe mental illnesses, to reduce stigma and enhance awareness.

Three held for extorting KIADB official posing as Lokayukta officers

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THREE persons who extorted the joint director to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) by claiming to be Lokayukta officers and threatening to raid the house have been arrested by the Siddapura police.

The accused have been identified as Nageshwar Reddy Uppaloor (33), Buchupalli Vineet Kumar Reddy (22) and Shivakumar Reddy (19), all residents of Kadapa district in Andhra Pradesh. The kingpin of the racket, Srinath Reddy, is absconding and efforts are on to trace him.

The police said that Asha Bharath, Joint Director (Town Planning) of the KIADB, filed a complaint on March 21 stating that a person had contacted her the previous day and introduced himself as an official from the Karnataka Lokayukta. The caller allegedly threatened her that he would prepare a report against her and submit it to the ADGP and raid her house in the morning. To stop the same, he demanded Rs 1 lakh. As per his instruction, the money was transferred online to the bank account number given by him.

"Based on her complaint, information was gathered about the accused and three were arrested. Investigations revealed that the accused were running the racket of extorting government officials by claiming themselves as Lokayukta and ACB officials since 2013. They had purchased SIM cards and opened bank accounts using fake credentials to avoid detection. They collected the phone numbers of government servants on official websites and demanded money from them. It is found that they have extorted several officials in Karnataka and we are investigating into the same," the police said, adding five mobile phones have been seized from the accused.

Uppaloor, a diploma holder in mining, had worked as a section engineer with the Railways and also with Uranium Corporation of India for a brief period. He has 32 criminal cases against him in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, the police added.

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This is to inform the general public that my client **Mrs. Hemashri .S** is the absolute owner of the property bearing Site No.1496, 2nd Block, 6th Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 9 Meters and North to South 12 Meters.

While renovating her House at No. J-29,1st Main, 6th Cross, Bangalore-560 086, My client has lost the 1) Original Allotment Letter dated 07-03-2003, 2) Original Possession Certificate Sl. No. 076867 dated 09-11-2004 and 3) Original Sale Deed dated 09-11-2004, Doc No. BDA-1-09208/04-05, C.D.No. BDAD62, Book-1, pertaining to the said property.

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IN THE COURT OF THE IInd Additional Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC At: Ballari
O.S. NO. 223/2022

BETWEEN:

Jeelani Baig ...Plaintiff

And

C. S. Ramesh

... Defendant

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

To,

Sri. C.S. Ramesh s/o Sanjeeva Murthy, Aged about 40 years. R/o C/o C.S. Girish, # 23/138, Satya Nilay, 8th Main Road, I B Cross, BTM Layout, Behind Omkareshwara Temple, MICO Layout Bus Stop, Bengaluru -76.

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Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 25 day of March 2023.

By order of the Court
Shiresthedar
IInd Additional Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC At Ballari

J. Ramanna
Advocate for the Plaintiff

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Smt. Vijaya .G. W/o late Raju L.P. residing at No.978, behind Govt School, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560077, presently residing at No.4, Kodandaramaiah Layout, Near Sagar Fish World, K.Narayanapura Main Road, Shivaramkaranth Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560077 is the absolute owner of the schedule property. My client's husband late Raju L.P. had purchased the schedule property from Thammayappa S/o. late Boregowda through registered sale deed dated 28.1.2012 vide its Document No.TVR-1-04406-2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD.No.TVRD102, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Thavarekere, Bangalore. My client's husband died on 27.01.2014. After the death of husband of my client, the Khatha in respect of the schedule property stands in the name of my Client. On 24.3.2023 my client has lost the above referred original sale deed dated 28.01.2012 at Kodandaramaiah Layout on the way to her house from the xerox shop and the same is not yet traced, if any person found the above said original sale deed, kindly handover to my client or to her undersigned counsel. In this regard my client has already lodged a complaint through online before the Jurisdictional Police Station, Bangalore on 28.03.2023 vide Lost Report No. 0515532/2023.

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All the piece and parcel of the vacant residential Site No.58, Chennenahalli Village, Grama Thana Khatha bearing No.1048, Assessment No. 1/14, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk presently coming under jurisdiction of Tavarekere Grama Panchayathi, measuring 20 feet towards East, 20 feet towards West, 36.5 feet towards North and 34.5 feet towards South, totally measuring 710 sq.feet and bounded on: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.59 and South: Site No.57.

SURESH .I MUGALAKKI, Advocate
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Date : 29.03.2023

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Capt. Mysore Ramanna Subramanyam, Retd
A "MADRAS SAPPER"
left for heavenly abode on 29 March 2023.
We deeply mourn his demise and pray to the almighty to bestow peace to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family.

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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Head Office: Bangalore

Benson Town Branch
18/A, Millers Road,
Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046.
Tel.Ph. 080-23541454, Mob: 9843520429
E-mail : cb0429@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Benson Town Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.04.2023 (11.00 AM to 4.00 PM), for recovery of Rs. 74,40,317.51 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred & Seventeen and Fifty one paise only) as on 09.02.2023** plus further interest & unpaid taxes and cost **from 24.10.2022** due to the Benson Town Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. Imtiaz Pasha. J.A.** S/o Late Mr. Abdul Azeez, No. 99/7, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru - 560 005. **2. Shabina Anjum Imtiaz** W/o J.A. Imtiaz Pasha, No. 99/7, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru - 560 005.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited **on or before 15.04.2023 upto 4.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Benson Town Branch or through online payment to Account No.**209272434 (IFSC : CNRB0000429)** is as under.

Sl. No.	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	1) Incremental value at the Bid 2) Inspection Date 3) A/c No. & IFSC
1	Commercial Flat bearing Flat No. 5/2 C, Third Floor, "Wipro Centre" Apartments, Site No. 05, (Old No. 11D), C.Papanna Road, Off: St. Marks Road, Bangalore-560001. Area: 4214 Sq.sft. Bounded on : East by: Private property, West by: Private property, North by: Private property, South by: Road.	Rs. 261.93 Lakhs	Rs. 26.19 Lakhs EMD have to submit on or before 15.04.2023 upto 4.00 PM	(1) Rs.10,000/- (2) 30.03.2023 to 15.04.2023 between 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM (3) A/c No.: 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0000429

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact **Chief Manager, Benson Town Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9483520429, Email: cb0429@canarabank.com)** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 29.03.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
55-56,5th Floor Free Press House Nariman Point, Mumbai -400021 Tel: -022-61884700
Email: sys@pegasus-arc.com URL: www.pegasus-arc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors that the below described secured assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, being Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of **PEGASUS GROUP THIRTY-NINE TRUST 2 (Pegasus)**, having being assigned the dues of the below mentioned borrower along with underlying securities, interest by RBL Bank Limited vide Assignment Agreement dated **30/09/2021** under the provisions of SARFAESI Act,2002.

The Authorized officer of Pegasus has taken possession of the below mentioned mortgaged property on 28/01/2022 under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and SARFAESI Rules. In view of the aforesaid the below mentioned mortgaged property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 03/05/2023 for recovery of Rs. 2,93,90,099.46 (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand and Ninety-Nine and Forty Six Paisa Only) as on 05/08/2021** together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 06/08/2021 due to the Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd., from M/s. Arfa Meraj Trading Company (Borrower) M/s.HKGN And Company, Mr. Javeedulla Khan and Smt. Shazia Sultana (Co-Borrowers). The reserve price is as mentioned below.

Description of Immovable Property which is being sold:

Name of the Borrower:	M/s. Arfa Meraj Trading Company
Names of Guarantors:	01. M/s.HKGN And Company, 02. Mr. Javeedulla Khan, 03. Smt. Shazia Sultana
Outstanding Dues	**Rs. 2,93,90,099.46** (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand and Ninety-Nine and Forty Six Paisa Only) as on 05/08/2021 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. **06/08/2021**
Description of property	**01.** Apartment No.: B – 003, having a super built up area of 3500 sqft SBU in the building known as " Govianu Grace Garden" Katha PID No. 92/31/2 formed in Property No. 8, New No.2, Benson Road, Benson Town, Bangalore owned by Mr. Javeedulla Khan and Smt. Shazia Sultana.
Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold in Rs.	3,31,61,250
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in Rs.	3316125
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	NA
Inspection of Properties	26/04/2023.
Contact Person and Phone No	Mr. Vishal Shukla (Authorized Officer) 9591103226
Last date for submission of Bid:	02/05/2023 till 4:00 pm
Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) on 03/05/2024 from 11.00 am to 1:00 pm.

This publication is also a Thirty days' notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact service provider **M/s. E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Bidder Support : 079-68136805/68136837 Mo.: +91 9265562821 & 9374519754, Email :vijay.shetty@auctiontiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net @ support@auctiontiger.net.**

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore
Date: 29.03.2023
Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited
(Trustee of Pegasus Group Thirty Nine Trust 2)

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

1) 76331 - 11kv 3C x 240 SQMM Aluminium Conductors XLPE Cable, (2) Purchase of new fully built Cash and Delivery Van with CNG Engine, (3) Hiring of new fully built Cash and Delivery Van with CNG Engine,

Re – invited e-tender

(4) 74915 (Corrigendum).

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/213/2023 GENERAL MANAGER

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್), ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು KW-3 STD ಷರತ್ತುಗೊಳ್ಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಮೊದಲನೆ ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ
1	Providing Repairs to Centralized Air conditioning chillers, Air Handling units, control panels, at Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore. KPWD/2021-22/EL/ WORK_INDENT151362	ರೂ. 56.93 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
2	Providing Electrical Improvements, Street lights, Gate lights, LT UG Cable, LED Lights, Digital CCTV System, Repairs, Re- Conditioning & Servicing of Stage lights & Audio System, Repairs to Capacitor Panel installed at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan Auditorium Building at Millers Road, Bengaluru. KPWD/2022-23/EL/WORK_ INDENT167617	ರೂ. 65.42 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
3	Providing Lighting Automation Control System for Energy Conservation to Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore KPWD/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT168580	ರೂ. 81.52 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
4	Providing Lighting Automation Control System for Energy Conservation to Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore KPWD/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT168575	ರೂ. 84.10 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
5	Providing Improvements to HVAC System & Replacement of Daikin VRV AC Outdoor Units along with Allied works at Karnataka Bhavan 1 Annexe Building Kautilya Marg Chanakyapuri New Delhi. KPWD/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT168762	ರೂ. 84.74 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

ಮೇಲಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುವರು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಸಂ: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–03–2023 ರಿಂದ 12–04–2023 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಿಂತಿರುಗಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12–04–2023 ರಂದೆ 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ವಿ),
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ – ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ದತ್ತಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ, ನಂಜನಗೂಡು
ದೊಡ್ಡಜಾತ್ರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ –2023

ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಜಯಾಭ್ಯುದಯ ಶಾಲಿವಾಹನ ಶಕ ವರ್ಷಂಗಳು 1945ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲುವ ಶ್ರೀಶೋಭಕೃತ್ ನಾಮ ಸಂವತ್ಸರದ 2023 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶ್ರೀ ಗೌತಮ ಪಂಚಮಹಾ ರಥೋತ್ಸವ ಮತ್ತು ತೆಪ್ಪೋತ್ಸವ ವಿವರ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು:

1	ದಿ:30–03–2023 ಗುರುವಾರ	ಸಂಜೆ 7.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಮುಡಿ ಉತ್ಸವ
2	ದಿ: 02–04–2023 ಭಾನುವಾರ	ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 06–00 ರಿಂದ 06–40 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ	ಶ್ರೀ ಮನ್ಮಹಾಗೌತಮ ರಥಾರೋಹಣ
3	ದಿ: 04–04–2023 ಮಂಗಳವಾರ	ಸಂಜೆ 7.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ಕಪಿಲಾ ನದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಪ್ಪೋತ್ಸವ

ಭಕ್ತ ಮಹಾಶಯರುಗಳಾದ ತಾವುಗಳು ಸಪರಿವಾರ ಸಮೇತ ಸದರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಪಾರ್ವತೀ ಸಮೇತ ಶ್ರೀ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರ ಕೃಪೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿ ವಿನಂತಿಸಿದೆ.

ರಥೋತ್ಸವದ ಆಚಾರ್ಯತ್ವ ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ನಾಗಚಂದ್ರ ದೀಕ್ಷಿತ್, ಆಗಮಿಕರು, ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ, ನಂಜನಗೂಡು.

ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಆದರದ ಸುಸ್ವಾಗತ

ಜಗದೀಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಎಂ. ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾಯ ನಂಜನಗೂಡು

ಕವಿತ ರಾಜಾರಾಂ ಕ.ಆ.ಸೇ (ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ) ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಪರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಡಾ॥ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೆ.ವಿ. ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಬಸವರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಹೆಚ್. ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ಆಯುಕ್ತರು ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳು ಇಲಾಖೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407
આપણી મેટ્રો

TENDER NOTIFICATION No.: GMRC/DCD&BD/MP-L7/2023
Dated : 31.03.2023

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced Contractors for the following tender :

Tender Name	Tender Fees
"Design, Manufacture, Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Two No. of Standard Gauge Wagons (Well Type), Carrying Capacity - 30 T for Surat Metro Rail Project"	**INR 25,000/-**

Interested bidders are requested to visit **https://gmrc.nprocure.com** for eligibility criteria, applying/ downloading the tender document. **Last date and time for Bid Submissions is 15:00 Hrs. on 15.05.2023.**

Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on **https://gmrc.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

Sd/-
Managing Director,
GMRC, Gandhinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Sri. M.S. Palanichamy and Smt. P. Mangalesweri.**

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, ownership, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within **10 days** hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No.215, PID No. 54-33-215, situated at 100 Feet Road also known as Ring Road, Second Block, Third Phase, Banashankari Third Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 95 Feet, totally measuring 4750 Square Feet, together with commercial building built thereon comprising of basement, ground and five upper floors, in all measuring 18957 Square Feet, presently within the revenue limits of BBMP, Bangalore (Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike) and is bounded as follows, On the

East by : Property bearing No.216;
West by : Property bearing No.214;
North by : Property bearing No.s.234 and 235;
South by : 100 Feet Ring Road;

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Government of Karnataka
City Municipal Corporation, Ramanagara
Ramanagara District - 562159

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Email ID: itstaff_ulb_ramanagaram@yahoo.com
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ನಂ.ನಸರಾ/ಆ.ಶಾ/ಸ.ಕಾ.ಅ/ಸಿಆರ್/95/2021–22 Date : 27.03.2023

Re-tender call-04

Following tender has been called through GoK e-Procurement under 2021-22 ,15th FC .Technically qualified suppliers can be participated through eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Last date is 10.04.2023. For more information you may visit to health section of CMC Ramanagara.

Sl. No	Name of The Work	Estimated value (in Rs. Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs)
1	Purchase of 13 number auto tippers to collect solid waste from house holds/shops of CMC Ramanagara	88.0	2,20,000/-

Sd/-
President
CMC Ramanagara

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
CMC Ramanagara

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
222313 007922	Procurement of 1000 MT ± 5% Office Waste Paper (White Records) in Bale form from Karnataka for TNPL Unit - I at Kagithapuram	06.04.2023

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/1923/Tender/2023 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Description of Work	Due Date
222323 005018	Supply of debarked ACACIA pulpwood from open market sources of Kerala to TNPL Unit-II at Mondipatti, Manaparai, Trichy District, Tamilnadu.	11.04.2023

Corrigendum if any will be displayed only in TNPL web site. Detailed requirements, Period, Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document at our websites: www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/1938/Tender/2023 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

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STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Management Branch,(SAMB) Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Sri. Muralikrishna R
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APPENDIX –II A/ IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1)]
E AUCTION SALE ON 21.04.2023
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors / Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.04.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 15,56,07,673.24 (Rupees Fifteen Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three and Twenty Four Paise Only) as on 27.03.2023** and further interest at contractual rate from **28.03.2023** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers, **M/s. Gurunath Rice Mills Pvt Ltd,** Plot No. 54-55, 2nd stage, Mundargi Industrial Area, Ballari- 583 102 and the Directors/Guarantors/Mortgagers, 1) Shri Ramesh Kandra, S/o. K Suryanarayana, & 2) Smt. Lalitha Ramesh Kandra, W/o. Ramesh Kandra, residing at # 6/ 7, Agadi Mareppa Compound Behind Raghavendra Talkies Savitri Nilaya, Ballari- 583 101.

The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment amount, time & date of e-Auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the immovable assets will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment Amount	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	Rs.2,25,00,000/-	Rs.22,50,000/-	5,00,000/-	From 11:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 21.04.2023	20.04.2023 up to 4.00 p.m.
2.	Rs.1,70,00,000/-	Rs.17,00,000/-	5,00,000/-	From 11:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 21.04.2023	20.04.2023 up to 4.00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBIN200013274614

IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO- 1

All that piece and parcel of Commercial Land & Building (Godown) on Plot No. 55 P 2, Sy. No. 29, Mundargi Village, KIADB, 2nd Stage Industrial Area, Bengaluru Road, Ballari-583102. Total Extent aggregate of 3152.43 Sq. mtrs.

Name of Title Deed Holder: M/s. Gurunath Rice Mills Pvt Ltd.,

BOUNDARIES: NORTH: KIADB Road, SOUTH: Plot No. 210, EAST: Plot No. 54 & 55 P 1& WEST: Plot No. 56.

Reserve Price: Rs. 2,25,00,000/-

Tender No. SBIN200013274014

IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO-2

All that piece and parcel of Residential house on Plot No. 7 & 8, House No. 133/ 124, TS No. 531/10 (Part), Agadi Mareppa Compound, Ballari-583101. Total Extent 2600Sqft.

Name of Title Deed Holder: Mr. Ramesh Kandra S/o. (Late) Mr. K Suryanarayana

BOUNDARIES: NORTH: Plot No. 9, SOUTH: Road, EAST: Road and WEST: Plot No. 5 & 6.

Reserve Price: Rs. 1,70,00,000/-

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE (2ND/SUBSEQUENT AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditors represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e.,

(1) www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp (2) www.sbi.co.in

Date: 28.03.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
(Muralikrishna R)
Authorised Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Management Branch,(SAMB) Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Sri. G.V.Ramakrishna
E-mail Id: sbi.4209@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9704666922
Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943489

Address of the Branch:
2nd Floor, Office Complex Building, SBI LHO Campus, No. 65, St. Mark's Road, Bengaluru -560 001
Telephone: 080 -25943470 to 3490
Fax No: 080 -22225203,
E-mail Id: sbi.04209@sbi.co.in

"APPENDIX- II-A and IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 6(2) and 7]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 6(2) READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 7(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Guarantors/ Mortgagers that the below described movable assets hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical** Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is" basis on **04.05.2023 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM** for recovery of **Rs.49,78,68,476**/- (Rupees **Forty Nine Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Six** only) as on **22.03.2023**. You are also liable to pay further interest from **23.03.2023**with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the Borrower: **M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.** and the Guarantors: **1. Sri.Manpreet Singh Modi,** S/o.D.S.Modi, **2. Smt.Jaspreet Kaur Modi,** W/o.Gurumeet Singh Modi, **3. Smt.Satvinder Kaur Modi** W/o.Manpreet Singh Modi.**4. Sri.Gurumeet Singh Modi,** S/o.D.S.Modi.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:

Property No.	Property Location	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Granites and Marbles Sheets, Stored in the Shed located at : Location:No.2/1, Begehalli Village, Near Koppa Gate, Jigani Main Road, Bengaluru	Rs.4,07,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites)	Rs.40,70,000/-	Rs.4,00,000/-
2.	Granites and Marbles Sheets, Stored in the Shed located at : Location:No.26/8, Doddakanelli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru	Rs.1,01,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites sheets)	Rs.10,10,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-
3.	Granites and Marbles Sheets, Stored in the Shed located at : Location:No.24/3, Mullur, Kodathi Gate to Gunjur Road, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560035	Rs.43,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites sheets)	Rs.4,30,000/-	Rs.40,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE ASSETS

1. Tender No: 400022135156-01
Name of the Title Deed Holder: M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.
Granites and Marbles Sheets
Stored in the Shed located at: Location: No. 2/1, Begehalli Village, Near Koppa Gate, Jigani Main Road, Bengaluru

2. Tender No. :400022135156-02
Name of the Title Deed Holder: M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.
Granites and Marbles Sheets
Stored in the Shed located at:Location: No. 26/8, Doddakannelli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru.

3. Tender No. : 400022135156-03
Name of the Title Deed Holder: M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.
Granites and Marbles Sheets
Stored in the Sy, No. 24/3, Mullur, Kodathi Gate to Gunjur Road, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560 035.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the moveable's the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch,** 2nd Floor, Office Complex Building, SBI LHO Campus, No. 65, St. Mark's Road, Bengaluru -560 001, Telephone: 080-25943470 to 3490 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s. Yasholakshmi Resolution & Consultants Pvt. Ltd.,** contact: **Shri.K M Udupa : 9880661493 and Shri. H S Katti : 9483443084.**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said movable assets . For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date:23.03.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Assistant General Manager & Authorized Officer,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Asset Management Branch, Bengaluru

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. CN/11/2022 Dated : 28.03.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Open Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time: 14:00 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Tender Due on
1	95225643C	4 CORE X 16 SQMM 1100 V grade, stranded aluminium conductor galvanized steel strip armoured, XLPE cable conforming to IS: 7098 - Part 1 etc., Qty : 31900 MTRS.	17-04-2023
2	95225718A	4 CORE X 70 SQMM 1100 V grade, stranded aluminium conductor galvanized steel strip armoured, XLPE cable conforming to IS: 7098 - Part 1 etc., Qty : 11000 MTRS.	17-04-2023
3	95225726A	4 CORE X 240 SQMM 1100 V grade, stranded aluminium conductor galvanized steel strip armoured, XLPE cable conforming to IS: 7098 - Part 1 etc., Qty : 3950 MTRS.	17-04-2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Materials Manager, Construction
Bengaluru Cantonment

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.**, having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Karnataka - 560003, Bengaluru Malleswaram Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **12-01-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. Jayesh M Patel, S/o. Manubhai Maganbhai Patel, No.11, Matrukrupa, Crescent Cross Road, Srikantaiah Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560001. No.2) Mrs. Sheetal Jayesh Patel, W/o. Jayesh M Patel, No.11, Matrukrupa, Crescent Cross Road, Srikantaiah Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560001. No.3) M/s. JKN Steels and Alloys, No.13/A, 13/B, Marappapalya, Opp. Ullas Talkies Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560022** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,49,30,855/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **07-01-2023** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 27th day of March 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.1,53,44,466/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Six only)** and interest thereon from **27-03-2023** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Jayesh M Patel, S/o. Manubhai Maganbhai Patel)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property being Site bearing No.191, Katha No. 561/191 (as per Grama Panchyath Record), RDPR Property, E-Katha No. 150200200900400587. Measuring : East to West 60 Feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 3,000 sq. feet carved out of Survey No.13/P5 and 126 of Tharabanahalli Village , and lands in Sy. Nos.32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 38/½, 39, 40 and 41 and 13 of Navarathna Patel, Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, in the layout known as Rashi Orchards and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.196; North by : Site bearing No.190, South by : Site bearing No.192.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 27-03-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (Racpc) – III, Banaswadi,
Maruti Mansion, 7M -422, 80 Feet Road, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru -560 043
Tel No:080-25943790/91, Fax No:080-25943793, Email Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT")

At the request of the under mentioned Borrower, **Shri. Naveen Kumar Vommivasu,S/o Shri V K Vasu,** State Bank of India through its **Ramamurthynagar Branch, Bengaluru,** has extended a credit facility to him by way of financial assistance against a House property creating security interest in favour of the Bank.The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by the borrower & mortgagor are furnished in the Demand Notice dated **10.03.2023**.As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facility has become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **05.03.2023** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. Demand Notice dated **10.03.2023** u/s 13(2) of the said Act was duly served on the borrower/mortgagor. As some of the envelopes containing the said Demand Notice sent by register AD to the borrower/mortgagor were returned un-served, this notice is now being published in the leading news papers after affixing a copy of the notice at conspicuous place of the residence of the borrower/Mortgagor as per the provisions of the said Act.

Name and Address of the Borrower: Shri. Naveen Kumar Vommivasu, S/o Shri V K Vasu, Plot No. 189/1, Flat No.204, Shoba Enclave, Bhagyanagar Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad – 500072 Telangana, Also at: **Shri Naveen Kumar Vommivasu,** S/o and GPA Holder Shri V K Vasu, 8-668, Thotapalyam, Chittoor - 517 001. **Office Address:i) Shri. Naveen Kumar Vommivasu,** Employee ID No.655722, Associate – Projects, M/s Cognizants Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., No.5/535, Okkiyam, Old Mahabalipuram Road, Thoraipakkam, Chennai – 600097 **ii) Shri Naveen Kumar Vommivasu,** M/s Cognizant Technology Solutions Overseas Corporation, Makeen Tower Office No.802, Al Salam Street, Tourist Club Area, Abu Dhabi – 38271 **iii) Shri. Naveen Kumar Vommivasu,** Employee ID No.655722, Cognizant Technology Solution Pvt Ltd., One Fab Tower, Khalifa Street, Abudhabi, PO Box: 38271

Date of Demand Notice: 10.03.2023 **A/c No. HTL 40538224228**

Outstanding Loan amount:Rs.76,48,004/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Four Only) as on 08.03.2023 with interest from **09.03.2023** +incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY (ENTIRE PROPERTY) All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Site No. 356, in Sy. No.12, Property Nos.14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 19/B & 22 in all measuring 77,520 Sq. feet (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose vide Official memorandum bearing No.B.Dis.ALN.SR(S)88/1988-89 dated 17.02.1989 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore), situated at T C Palya Main Road, Anandapura, Sannathammanahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, BBMP Ward No. 52, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru – 560 036 and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

MORTGAGED PROPERTYSCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY All the piece and parcel of 512 Sq. feet undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule – 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE – 'C' PROPERTY All that 3 BHK, Residential Apartment bearing No.D-212, First Floor in **"Kingston Grandeur",** built on the Schedule – 'A' Property having 1360 Sq. feet of Super built up area which includes 1133 Sq. feet Carpet Area, 227 Sq. feet of proportionate share in Common Areas such as Passage, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircase and other areas of common use area with One Covered Car Parking space in the basement standing in the name of Shri Vommivasu Naveen Kumar, S/o Shri V K Vasu, vide Sale Deed dated 09.11.2021 and Registered as Document No.KRI-1-06569/2021-22 and CD No.KRID1339 dated 09.11.2021 at SRO, Shivajinagar(K R Pura), Bengaluru and Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide MOD registered as Document No KRI-1-06571/2021-22 and stored in CD No.KRID1339 on 09.11.2021 at SRO, Shivajinagar (Krishnarajapuram), Bengaluru.

If the borrower/mortgagor fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice/publication,the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 and other applicable provisions of the SARFAESI Act. The borrower/ mortgagor is also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13 of the said Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining prior written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.

The borrower/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the said Act.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30.03.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
SBI, RACPC-III, Banaswadi, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, our client Amitkumar Jain S/o Sri.Sudeshkumar Jain and Smt. Sushila Jain and he was doing the Business under the name and style of Mahaveer Marketing and have sustained loss in the said business and he have borrowed the loans from Financiers and Bank loans and he only liable for my loans and he have No any own Property, his Father, Mother and family members are not liable for loans and in the event if any persons came near My Client Parents House i.e. No.2090, 30th Cross Road, D-Group Layout, Bangalore-560091 and threatened/ harass them his Parents are Senior Citizen their will take Legal action against them as per law.

R. RAJESH, Advocate
Advocate & Legal Consultants
Office: R.R.L. Advocates Associates, No. 79/2, M.C. Layout, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Opp. Om Prabha College, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 040.
Mobile: 98458 51473

CCH: 05
BEFORE THE HON'BLE IX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALURU
P& SC No. 148/ 2023

PETITIONER VERSUS **RESPONDENT**
Mr. Anand Sampath, NIL
Son of late
Mr. Sosale R Sampath,
aged about 57 years,
residing at- 81 Como, Irvine,
CA 92618, USA;
Represented by his
Registered Power of Attorney Holder-
Mrs. Ludhveena Suresh,
Wife of Mr. T S Suresh,
aged about 50 years
residing at - No. 742, 10th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwarnagar Bangalore-560079

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made a petition to this court under Section 372 of of the Indian Succession Act, 1945 seeking this Hon'ble Court to issue a succession certificate in his favour in respect of the Saving bank (CHQ-Pensioners) account bearing account no. 10323676126, held at State Bank of India, Kumara Park Branch, Bangalore, and the investments made in DSP Mutual Fund bearing Folio No. 3957305, both standing in the name of his late father Mr. Sosale R Sampath who passed away on 20.11.2020.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 18.04.2023 at 11 a.m. to show cause against the Petitioner failing which it will be heard and considered, as Respondents are Nil.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 16th March 2023

By Order of the Court
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address for Service
T.S Suresh +Associates, Advocates
Fortune Chambers,
2nd floor, No. 8, Lalbagh Road,
Richmond Circle,
Bengaluru-5600027, India

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Sri.Sathish Kumar H.A.** S/o Anjinappa, residing at Himarsha Nilaya, Opp: Prestige Ozone, Bangalore – 560 066.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands measuring (i) 4 ¾ Guntas in Sy.No.91/15 (ii) 4 ¾ Guntas in Sy.No.91/16 (iii) 4 ¼ Guntas in Sy.No.91/18 (iv) 2 ½ Guntas in Sy.No.91/20, situated at Bettakote Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Road;
West by : Property belongs to Dodda Munishamappa;
North by : Property belongs to Janardhan; and
South by : Property belongs to Patel Channarayappa.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
Anekal Branch (15412)

Raghavendra Bhavan, Mirza road, Chowda reddy circle, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. Tel: 9324915412
E-Mail : ubin0915416@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC. 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

To, Name and address of the Borrower/Mortagagor : 1) Muniveerappa .C, S/o. Late Chinnappa, Gollahalli Post, Vanakanahalli, Anekal, Bangalore - 562106. **2) Munivenkatamma,** W/o. Muniveerappa .C, Gollahalli Post, Vanakanahalli, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. **3) Shankarnag .H .N,** S/o. Nanjundappa, Vinobhabhave High School, Solur, Anekal, Bangalore-562106.

Sir/Madam,

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) read with Sec.13 (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You the addressee No 1, 2 & 3, herein have availed the following credit facilities from our **Anekal Branch** and failed to pay the dues/instalment/ interest / operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the Income Recognition and Prudential Accounting Norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as on **12.02.2021** As on 19.08.2022 a sum of a sum of **Rs. 9,47,058/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Fifty Eight)** is outstanding in your account/s.

The particulars of amount due to the Bank from No.1 of you in respect of the aforesaid account/s are as under :

Type of Facility	Outstanding amount as on 19.08.2022	Unapplied interest w.e.f. 19.08.2022	Total dues (in Rs.)
Housing Loan 560631000262928	Rs. 8,66,291/-	Rs. 80,767/-	**Rs. 9,47,058/-**

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, you have executed documents on 15.05.2013 and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below.

Description of the secured assets : All that part and parcel of Residential immovable property bearing SI No. 356, property no 2/1, admeasuring an extent of East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, situated at Patnagere, Gollahalli village, Vanakanahalli, Anekal taluk, Bangalore District, property owned by Muniveerappa .C, bounded on the **East by :** House of Muniyellamma, **West by :** Property of Nanjundappa, **North by :** Government, **South By :** House of Nagarathnamma.

Therefore You are hereby called upon in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of Rs. 9,47,058/- (Rupees Nine lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Fifty Eight in words) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

As per section 13 (13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained /prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 30.03.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate

Lavelle Road Branch : No.20, Eden Park, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru 560001. Phone No: 080-22213200/22241457.
e-mail id : cb0887@canarabank.com.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, **Lavelle Road Branch,** No 20, Eden Park, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru-560001, Under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **23/01/2023** calling upon the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:- **1) Smt Vandana Gopal Shinde W/o Sri Gopal P Shinde,** Flat No 246 & 256, Rajni Gandha Garden Apartment, 21, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore – 560001. **2) Shri Sanjeet Vijaya Kumar Raut S/o Vijay, 3) Shri Gopal P Shinde, Both are at :** Flat No 246, Rajni Gandha Garden Apartment, 21, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore – 560001 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 2,18,20,568.94 (Rupees Two Crores Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Eight Ninety Four Paise Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule, 2002 on this **29th March 2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CANARA BANK Lavelle Road Branch,** No 20, Eden Park, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru-560001 for an amount of **Rs.2,18,20,568.94 (Rupees Two Crores Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Eight Ninety Four Paise Only)** as on **23.01.2023**, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Property

EMT of all that piece and parcel of property bearing Corporation No 21/98, Vittal Mallya, Bangalore the apartment bearing Flat No 246, (PID No 76-22-21/98 on the 4th floor of the multi-storeyed building by name RAJNIGANDHA in the apartment Complex known as Garden Apartment measuring a super built up area of 1350 sq ft along with prorata Common area and facilities together with 0.448 % undivided interest in the land bearing Corporation No 21 Vittal Mallya Road formally known as Grant Road Bangalore measuring 383 sq ft with a coveted car parking space bearing No 91 Bounded By : **East:** Premises No. 20, Vittal Mallya Road, **West:** Premises Nos. 22/1, 22/2, 22/4 Vittal Mallya Road, **North:** Vittal Mallya Road & **South:** Premises Nos. 23 and 24, Lavelle Road.

DATE: 30.03.2023
PLACE: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Erode MLA EVKS Elangovan is recovering from congestive heart failure and Covid-19 in the ICU, said a release on Thursday. Elangovan was admitted to hospital on March 15 with coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure and Covid-19

AIADMK-BJP ties will continue for 2024 LS polls: EPS

Annamalai had hinted BJP could go it alone

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

A day after Union Home Minister and BJP's poll strategist Amit Shah said his party's alliance with AIADMK continues, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Thursday reiterated that the ties between the two parties are intact and the alliance would continue for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

On Wednesday, participating in a television programme, Shah said the BJP's alliance with the AIADMK is continuing. The statement assumes significance as it came against the backdrop of BJP state president K Annamalai's remarks on the need for the party to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections on its own in the state. Annamalai's assertions came days after several BJP IT wing functionaries joined the AIADMK and started criticising Annamalai, leading to a war of words between the leaders of both the parties.

Last week, according to sources, Annamalai was summoned to New Delhi and BJP national leaders there told him to continue his work for the growth of the party in Tamil Nadu and the Parliamentary board at the national level would take a call on the alliance at an appropriate time. Later, speaking in Thoothukudi, Annamalai said, "The bird which was inside a cage for years is now ready to fly," indicating that he wanted the BJP to contest alone. After these developments, Shah has now confirmed that the ties between the BJP and AIADMK are intact.

Speaking to reporters, Palaniswami said, "We never said the alliance with BJP was not there. It continued for the bypolls to the Erode East Assembly constituency and will continue for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections."

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami arrives in the Assembly in Chennai on Thursday | P JAWAHAR

EXPRESS READ

CANARA BANK PARTNERS WITH BBPS

BENGALURU: Public sector lender Canara Bank has teamed up with Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to help people make payments towards utility bills, school fees, municipal taxes, etc., in India from Oman. This move will provide a convenient and hassle-free payment option for NRIs. The facility was launched by Canara Bank in co-ordination with Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) and Musandam Exchange, Oman, on March 29, 2023, said K Satyanarayana Raju, MD and CEO, Canara Bank.

German investor accuses Zonta of fraud, writes to PM

AISHWARYA PRABHAKARAN
@ Kochi

ZONTA Infratech Pvt Ltd, which was under fire for the recent Brahmapuram fiasco, is back in the news for all the wrong reasons. A German investor has filed a complaint with Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that Rajkumar Chellappan Pillai, MD of the Bengaluru-based firm, has siphoned off his investment in the company.

Patrick Bauer, CEO of Bauer GmbH, in the letter dated March 24, 2023, said the German firm has invested Rs 357.4 crore and additionally given a standby letter of credit for Rs 20.4 crore. "I realised too late that my/our hard-earned money that I invested in India was siphoned off by Rajkumar Chellappan Pillai to benefit him and his family. I learned that the money was transferred to different private entities that had backlinks to Rajkumar Pillai," Patrick said in his letter.

The complaint, a copy of which is in the possession of *TNIE*, shows the German firm made the investment between 2016 and 2018. "The company contacted me to get the German waste bin technology to India in consonance with the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. Accordingly, we decided to set up a small manufacturing unit in Bengaluru to produce underground and overground waste bins," said Patrick.

He said it soon turned out that Pillai never really meant to do honest business with the firm. "He began working in a non-transparent manner and failed to provide monthly reports and financial details. For the last four years, I am struggling to get my money back. At this moment, more than Rs 44.6 crore including fees and interest are pending," he said.

Patrick alleged that he was threatened by Pillai, the son-in-law of former LDF convenor Vaikom Viswan and told to forget about his investment if he filed any complaint.

"Rajkumar Pillai recently made headlines, albeit infamously, for allegedly causing the legacy waste fire at Brahmapuram, Kochi. There are multiple corruption allegations already levelled against him. After great difficulty, I could finally register an FIR... at Cubbon Park Police Station for fraud and cheating. However, to date, no action has been taken by Bengaluru police against Pillai," he said. Patrick added that investing in India was a mistake, as he feels the government has made no safeguards to protect foreign investors.

HC: Insurance cards given to entice voters

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REFERRING to the evidence, the court said that it is clear that the timing of distribution of insurance cards a few days prior to the polling date was made with the enticement to vote in favour of Gowrishankar. This was done with the consent and connivance of Gowrishankar by his agents and family members, which amounts to corrupt practice under Section 123 of the RP Act.

The insurance policies were purchased by Kammagondanahalli Sri Maruthi Seva Samithi (KMSS) of Gowrishankar's father C Channigappa and family members. Insurance coverage up to Rs 10,000 was provided to 17,000 children of voters from nearly 200 villages. "The KMSS played a part in the entirety of the design of commission of corrupt practice," said the court while finding five party workers guilty in the case. Gowrishankar's counsel argued that the verdict would be challenged before the Supreme Court.

GATHERING FOR GOD

A sea of devotees congregate to participate in the Sri Ramanavami Shobha Yatra at Dhoolpet in Hyderabad on Thursday | EXPRESS

50 years of Project Tiger: Modi to release census report

MYSURU: Brisk preparations are under way, ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district. Modi, who will be visiting Mysuru and Chamarajanagar to launch a three-day mega event to mark the completion of 50 years of 'Project Tiger', is likely to visit Bandipur Tiger Reserve too. Modi, who will be visiting the poll-bound state for the seventh time in recent weeks, will also be releasing the latest tiger census report and the government's vision for tiger conservation. According to senior officials, Chamarajanagar DC Ramesh and SP Padmini Sahu have assigned various tasks to personnel for proper arrangements. According to officials, over 1,500 police staff will be deployed, besides three helipads being set up to facilitate the PM's arrival at and departure from the reserve. Though the main event was scheduled to be held at Senate Hall or the KSOU convocation hall in Mysuru, the venue has not been finalised. **ENS**

HC collegium differs on judges, forwards 2 lists

ENS @ Kochi

FOR the first time, the collegium of the Kerala High Court has failed to arrive at a consensus on the list of judicial officers to be elevated as HC judges. The collegium, which met after two years, has forwarded two separate lists to the Supreme Court Collegium and the Union Government as one of its members disagreed with two names recommended by the other two members. The collegium consisted of Chief Justice S Manikumar, Justice S V Bhatti and Justice K Vinod Chandran.

In each list, names of seven officers have been recommended. But, only five sessions judges found a place in both lists.

Justice Chandran disagreed with two names included in the list signed by Chief Justice Manikumar and Justice Bhatti.

The names of P Krishna Kumar (Registrar General, High Court), M B Snehalatha (Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kollam), Johnson John (Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kalpetta), G Girish (Principal District and Sessions Judge, Thalassery), and C Pratheep Kumar (Additional District Sessions Judge, Ernakulam) found a place in both the lists.

The other names in the list signed by Chief Justice Manikumar and Justice Bhatti include P J Vincent (Officer on Special Duty, High Court), and C Krishnakumar (Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kasaragod). At the same time, the list sent by Justice Vinod Chandran has the names of K V Jayakumar (Registrar, Vigilance, High Court) and P Saithalavi (Muvatupuzha Vigilance Judge).

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Smt.PRABHAMANI.C.S. W/o late H.P.KRISHNAMURTHY** and her children **Smt.LATHA.K and Smt.SHRUTHI.K,** residing at: No.371, Hani, 7th A Main, Near Crazy Park, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098.

The said Owners have represented that, they have lost/misplaced all original title deeds and documents of the Schedule property and in this regard they have filed a Police Complaint on 16/03/2023 with Bangalore City Police unit. Further the Owners represent that they have not deposited or otherwise handed over the original title deeds and documents to any person/s or Bank or institution and that the Owners have a freehold subsisting marketable title to the Schedule property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing Municipal No.30/1 (Old No.30) PID No.49-62-30/1, measuring East to West 37 ft 10½ inches and North to South 17 ft 6 inches, with a building thereon, situated at Shankara Park, Shankarpuram, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Cross Road
West by : Arya's property
North by : Indiramma's property
South by : Mutt's property

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT my client Mr.Vijay Ingale, S/o.Mr.Vasu Ingale is intending to purchase Site no.72 & 73, House list Khatha No.203/3, New Khatha No.154/7, Situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, from its owner Mrs.Leena D'Souza, W/o.Mr.Robinson D'Souza, hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property" and being more fully described in the Schedule hereunder.

Any person / firm / institution / company / Bank / financial institution having any claim / right / interest over the schedule Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within seven (15) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/ their claim if any with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claims and such claims if any in future shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site no.72 & 73, House list Khatha No.203/3, New Khatha No.154/7, Situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring ExW to the Northern Side 52, on the Southern Side 49 Ft and NxS 30 Ft, totally measuring 1515 Square Feet and bounded on:

East by : Private Property,
West By : Site no.74,
North By : Road,
South By : Site No. 71.

Raju Naik, Advocate
No.403, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF ORIGINAL DEEDS)

It is informed to the public that I, A.M.THANNALLAPPA, Son of Mallaiah, aged about 54 years, R/.No.102/27, 13th cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore-560035, have sworn to an Affidavit dated 10-03-2023 and filed a complaint to the Police Commissioner, Bangalore City on 25/12/2022, Lost report No.0424812/2022, for having lost of original SALE DEEDS dated 11-08-1994 registered as document No.1989/1994, in Book No.1, and SALE DEED dated 03-09-1997, document No.1731/1997, in Book No.1, both registered in the office of the Sub- Registrar, Denkanikotai, Krishnagiri District, TN.

The finders of above documents are requested to return the above said the SALE DEEDS to the above mentioned address, within 07 days.

Thannallappa Mobile No. 9591656119

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF ORIGINAL DEEDS)

It is informed to the public that I, B.MANAVALAN, Son of Boorasamy, aged about 72 years, R/.No.718, 11th cross, 16th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560068, have sworn to an Affidavit dated 28-03-2023 and filed a complaint to the Police Commissioner, Bangalore City on 25/12/2022, bearing No.Lost Report No.0424820/2022, for having lost of original SALE DEEDS dated 11-08-1994 registered as document No.1989/1994, in Book No.1, and SALE DEED dated 03-09-1997, document No.1731/1997, in Book No.1, and Sale Agreement document No.623/2003, in Book No.1, all registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Denkanikotai, Krishnagiri District, TN.

The finders of above documents are requested to return the above said the SALE DEEDS to the above mentioned address, within 07 days.

B.Manalavan, Mobile No.8792424434

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

BANASHANKARI BRANCH: No.3494-95, First Floor, Jana Plaza, 9th Main, Kaveri Nagar Main Road, Opp: Kaveri Nagar Bus Stop and Rama Temple, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070.

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas the **Borrowers & Co-Borrowers** having borrowed monies from **Repco Home Finance Limited, Banashankari Branch** and the details of the liability is furnished hereunder, Whereas the Company has issued Notice under SARFAESI Act and the Authorised Officer has taken Possession of the mortgaged properties and issued Sale Notice on the dates mentioned below and the Company now has decided to sell the properties under section 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition".**

DATE AND TIME OF E - AUCTION: 19.05.2023, Time: 11.00 a.m - 12.00 p.m.
(with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)

Last Date & Time for submitting E-Tenders : 18.05.2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Sl.No.1: Borrower: Mrs.Sunitha, S/o, Venkatesh S, **Co-Borrower: Mr.Venkatesh S,** S/o, P.Seenappa **Demand Notice Date: 08-08-2022 , Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Loan Account No.1851860000852) being Rs.73,84,723/- as on 05-08-2022** together with further interest, costs and expenses. **Possession Taken Date04-11-2022 Present Outstanding Amount: Rs.76,82,412/- as on 27-03-2023.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land and Building bearing Site No.41, V.P.Khata No.1146, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yashawanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on the: North : Site No.42, South : Site No.40, East:site No.38, West : Road, Ad-Measuring :- East to West : 52 Feet, North to South: 30 feet. Total Measuring 1560 Sq.Ft with all usual pathway rights, easement rights relating thereto.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 1,45,00,000/- ; EMD (10% of Reserve Price): Rs.14,50,000/- ; Minimum Bid Increment Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-

Sl.No.2: Borrower: Mr.Harish.N, S/o, Narayanaswamy, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Lakshmi.D,** W/o, Harish N, **Demand Notice Date: 26-07-2022, Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Loan Account No.1851890000588 beingRs.16,31,126/- as on 25-07-2022** together with further interest, costs and expenses. **Possession Taken Date 04-11-2022 Present Outstanding Amount: Rs.18,32,879/- as on 27-03-2023.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.49, House List No.311, Khaneshmari No.227, Khatha No. 1298, formed in converted Sy.No. 35/2, converted vide conversion order bearing No.BDS/ALN/SR (N)130/2002-03, dated 24.02.2003 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Situated at Gidadakonenahalli Village, Mallathahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, an extent of 1200 Sq.ft now the property comes under the limits of BBMP ward No.72 within the following boundaries. North:Site No.50, South: Site No.48, East : Site No.45, West :Road, Admeasuring : East to West: 40 Feet, North to South : 30 Feet.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 48,60,000/- ; EMD (10% of Reserve Price): Rs.4,86,000/- ; Minimum Bid Increment Amount : Rs.25,000/-

Sl.No.3: Borrower: Mr.R.Ramesh, S/o, Ramaswamy Nachimuthu, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.R.Saritha,** W/o, R.Ramesh, **Demand Notice Date: 24-08-2021 , Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Loan Account Nos. 1851870001189) being Rs.46,67,488/- as on 19-08-2021** together with further interest, costs and expenses. **Possession Taken Date 22-04-2022 , Present Outstanding Amount: Rs.57,20,563/- respectively as on 27-03-2023.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE-B: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.19, BBMP Khatha No.19/12, BBMP PID No.56-105-19/12, formed in property bearing No.24/2, Suvey No.24/2, situated at 9th Main Road, Katriguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1800 Sq.ft., now comes under the limits of BBMP and Bounded on: East by:Road,West by:Property No.24/1, North by:Site No.20, South by:Site No.18. **SCHEDULE-B:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat bearing Unit No. FrF-1, 2 BHK, in the Fourth Floor, in the multi stored building known as 'S.V. Residency' measuring super built up area 945 Sq.ft., along with one Covered car parking space in the basement bearing No. FrF-1, together with 200 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land of Schedule "A" property and Bounded on: East by: Open to Sky/Road, West by : Staircase/Lift Then Flat No.FR-F2, North by : Site No.20, South by : Open to Sky.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.53,73,000/- -; EMD (10% of Reserve Price): Rs.5,37,300/- ; Minimum Bid Increment Amount : Rs.50,000/-

Sl.No.4: Borrower: Mr. Mr.R.Nageswaran, S/o, Ramamoorthy, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.R.Santhi,** W/o, R.Nageswaran, **Demand Notice Date: 11-08-2021, Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Loan Account No. .1851870001209) being Rs.54,52,728/- as on 09-08-2021** together with further interest, costs and expenses. **Possession Taken Date 22-04-2022, Present Outstanding Amount: Rs.67,69,177/- respectively as on 27-03-2023.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing No.04, Khatha No.2012/199/7P, Old No.2012/199/7, BBMP Ward No.191, situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, now the property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: 40 ft and North to South: 25 ft, in all Measuring 1000 Sq.ft., with Building Constructed thereon and Bounded on the: East by : Property belongs to Balappa, West by : Common Passage and own Property, North by : Property belongs to Mahadeva, South by : Property belongs to Mahadeva.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.62,01,000/-; EMD (10% of Reserve Price): Rs.6,20,100/- ; Minimum Bid Increment Amount : Rs.50,000/-

For E-Auction procedure, please contact M/s. 4Closure, Mr. U. Subba Rao & Mr. Bharathi Raja - 8142000735, 8142000061

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, Banashankari Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Contact Nos.(080) - 26712341 & 9035049444.

Date: 27-03-2023 **Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011, Jaya Nagar Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **12-01-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Sri Balaji Steels, No.23-6, Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Complex, Kumbalgodu Bus Stop, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560074. No.2) Mr. V. Ravi Kumar, S/o. C. Venkatappa, No.26/A, Uttarai, Kaggalipura Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560082. No.3) Mrs. Swaroopa, W/o. V. Ravi Kumar, No.26/A, Uttarai, Kaggalipura Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560082. No.4) Mr. C. Venkatappa, S/o. Late Channappa, No.26/A, Uttarai, Kaggalipura Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560082** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.29,26,104/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Four only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **11-01-2023** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 28th day of March 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.30,30,761/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One only)** and interest thereon from **28-03-2023** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. C. Venkatappa, S/o. Late Channappa)

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial-cum-Residential Building with Ground Floor, First Floor & Second Floor (Plinth Area 3,225 sq.ft.) Measuring 0.02 Guntas or 2,178 sq.ft. out of 3 Acres 31 Guntas, in Sy. No.380 situated at Kaggalipura Village, Utarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560082, with building measuring 1,980 sq. feet, and bounded on : East by : Property of Ramaiah, West by : Kanakapura Main Road, North by : Property of Kempamma and Cheluvaiah Land & Road, South by : Property of S. Arasappa.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 28-03-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

aavin THE SALEM DIST.CO-OP. MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,
Sithanur, Thalavaipatti Post, Salem- 636 302
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E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Two part tender for the contract work for empty tubs unloading, tub's cleaning, milk sachets weight checking, stacking in tubs, transfer tubs from conveyor to cold storage rooms for storage, transfer tubs from cold storage rooms to despatch dock, loading into the vehicles, leak milk sachet segregation, milk despatch record and office work, milk pumping and film roll loading in the machine's cleaning of floor areas near machine, conveyor, cold rooms and despatch dock daily and related other works for three shifts in prepac section at Salem dairy for 36 (Thirty six) months period from the date of execution of agreement by the tenderer.
This Two Part tender form contains the schedules as indicated below:

1	Date and Time for Pre-Bid meeting	10.04.2023 at 11.00 A.M.
2	Last date, time for online submission of the Two part Tender both Technical bid and Commercial bid	27.04.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.
3	Date & Time for opening of Part-I, Technical bids online	27.04.2023 at 3.30 P.M.
4	Place for opening of online tender documents	The Salem District Co-op. Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Sithanur, Thalavaipatty P.O., Salem-636 302

Details of Tenders, EMD, S.D, Terms and Conditions, Works & others can be downloaded at **www.tntenders.gov.in** on free of cost. The tender document can be submitted through **https//tntenders.gov.in** (online mode) only.

DIPR/ 1973 /TENDER/2023 "சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்" **GENERAL MANAGER**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, TIRUNELVELI

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE No.60 / 2022-2023/ D1 /Dated: 30.03.2023

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EDITORIAL

"Enduring means accepting. Accepting things as they are and not as you would wish them to be, and then looking ahead, not behind" — Rafael Nadal

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— Ramnath Goenka

MONEY MUSCLES ITS WAY IN AS PARTIES WOO VOTERS WITH FREEBIES IN K'TAKA

While announcing the election dates for Karnataka, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar made two pertinent points of concern: urban voter apathy and rampant money power. Recent seizures of cash and articles in Karnataka ran into an eye-popping ₹93 cr—freebie season had set in long before the model code of conduct kicked in. The amount is almost ₹5 cr more than the ₹88 cr seized during the 2019 general elections and is a testament to the desperation of political parties in Karnataka. Weeks before the election calendar's announcement, politicians went to work, distributing freebies to an unsuspecting public. Some were cloaked as community or festive largesse. From ticket aspirants to established leaders, all are guilty of this common but lowdown trick of the trade, often targeted at women of economically backward sections. The 'gifts' reflect this, coming in the form of cookers, mixers, stoves, saris and silverware. Some suave city MLAs didn't miss the chance, giving away festival hampers of sweets and saris via tokens to their elite electorate.

This flow of generosity has not gone unnoticed, with alert officials raiding godowns and seizing articles and foodgrains in bulk. Enforcement agencies also seized cash, liquor and narcotics, the latter meant explicitly for young voters. While the police made the biggest haul of over ₹50 cr, the Enforcement Directorate seized properties worth ₹26.21 cr, the Excise department ₹1.29 cr, the Commercial Taxes department ₹5.75 cr, and so on. All parties are equally guilty of this brazen attempt to buy votes; no doubt, cash and liquor will flow as voting day nears.

The CEC's concern about using money to induce voters is an admission that our elections could be far from free and fair. While muscle power is not a big menace now, money plays a major role, and the election authorities have many plans to crack down on errant politicians. The number of surveillance teams, flying squads, observers and teams to monitor expenditure-sensitive constituencies has been beefed up. Citizens can use the cVigil app to complain to the EC about illegalities, and checkposts have been set up along the state borders. If, despite these measures, politicians manage to play fast and loose with the EC rules, it will only mean that the ballot loses its value, and the honest voter will be discouraged from participating in this democratic ritual.

DELAY IN APPOINTING CEO WILL ONLY EMBARASS IOA

When the Indian Olympic Association elected its new office-bearers headed by track legend P T Usha, there was a lot of anticipation. For the first time, reputed athletes like Olympic and Asian Games medallists formed a major chunk of the newly constituted body and were expected to be the harbingers of change. Yet, almost five months down the line, quite a few things need to be addressed. First and foremost is appointing a Chief Executive Officer/secretary general.

The International Olympic Committee repeatedly reminded the IOA of its obligation to appoint one, but the latter is yet to take the call. It became an embarrassment when the IOC addressed its concern during a press briefing after its Executive Board meeting on Wednesday. During its three-day meeting, though the EB "formally acknowledged the results of the elections and confirmed that the 2023 IOC Session would take place in Mumbai", it was not amused about the vacant CEO/secretary general post in IOA. "However, the NOC (National Olympic Committee) has not yet appointed the new CEO/Secretary General, in accordance with the NOC Constitution. The IOC EB subsequently urged the NOC of India to finalise the appointment process without further delay in order to finally normalise the situation," said an IOC statement.

The newly amended constitution that the IOC approved mandates appointing a CEO/secretary general. What is baffling is that the IOA is yet to find a suitable candidate. It is understood that the IOA received only seven applications (the last date was on January 30) for the post, out of which only one met the eligibility criteria. After the December election, the IOA sought time from the IOC and, as per the constitution, gave the CEO's charge to its joint secretary Kalyan Chaubey. There is a possibility that the eligibility criteria might be tweaked to allow more candidates to apply. The IOA recently informed the IOC that making the appointment would take further time. The IOA must realise that dragging its feet further is not in its best interests as it would look like a delaying tactic. The IOC's message is very clear: appoint a CEO at once. With the 2023 IOC Session confirmed in Mumbai later this year, getting the issue sorted out as early as possible has become much more crucial. The ball is in the IOA's court.

QUICK TAKE

BAN HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES

The West is thinking of a 2030 phase-out of all highly hazardous pesticides. But in India, the row is over the government banning only three out of the 27 recommended pesticides and restricting glyphosate, a widely used herbicide, instead of banning it. The Supreme Court this week asks why when such harmful chemicals are proven health hazards. The agriculture ministry must review available pesticides to decide which to ban at once or recommend which not to overuse to derive optimum benefits. It must ask the pesticide industry to invest in R&D and stop importing pesticides banned by developed countries.

The Constitution applies equally to an MP or another citizen. The former is not given the licence to defame as a perquisite of office. Even liberties have their constraints

DISQUALIFICATION OF RAHUL LEGAL, TRUST JUDICIARY

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Rahul Gandhi's disqualification has raised more interest and debate on his welfare or illfare than the erstwhile Member of Parliament has created over the last several years. The political impact of whether this event can finally make the Gandhi scion a robust factor in the next elections or unify the opposition is being debated. The liberals ruminate on the falling pedestal of democracy in India, with the blame falling on an "authoritarian" government "trampling" democracy.

Whether the political debaters or the liberal philosophers will succeed in making any impact with their discourses is a moot question. But what seems to escape most people who are sympathetic to Rahul's cause are the legal and constitutional nuances and realities.

The first question is why he was disqualified and whether the disqualification is constitutionally and legally supported. The next would be whether such laws brook no exceptions and are strictly applicable, which then leads to the third and vital question of the effect of such laws on constitutional guarantees like free speech, their effect on democratic values, the dangers they pose to the future of democracy in India, and the attendant problems of their misuse for political purposes.

The answer to the first question is fairly simple. The Constitution of India recognises the right of citizens to be members of Parliament and provides for their ineligibility/disqualification through valid laws made by Parliament. To this end, the Representation of People's Act, which has held the field for decades, expressly provides for disqualification and/or ineligibility to contest elections for a designated period—should a person be convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more. The effect of this Act, prior to its amendment, was that the disqualification or ineligibility would arise immediately on such conviction and sentence being passed.

An attempt by Parliament to include a "saving clause" of holding at bay such disqualification for a period in which an appeal may be filed against such conviction or if filed, decided by the appellate court, found strong disfavour with the Supreme Court, which then struck it down as unconstitutional. The effect of this was that immediately upon conviction and sentencing, a sitting member would stand disqualified with no further action needed.

Seeing the dangers which could arise from this situation, the then Congress government headed by Manmohan Singh proposed an immediate ordinance giving a short "sunset" period to enable the hapless convict to get a stay of the judgment from an appellate court, in which event the disqualification would not take effect.

The ordinance, however, was withdrawn, ironically due to the theatrics of Rahul Gandhi, who saw fit to tear a copy of it at a press conference, criticising it as being retrograde. Such public performance of dissent by the scion of the First Family of the Congress forced the then prime minister to withdraw the ordinance.

And so, in its own invidious way, fate has intervened and hoisted the young Gandhi on his own petard. Disqualification is the inevitable fallout of constitutional provisions which allow no exception—even for a Gandhi!

But all is not lost. The Supreme Court, in a subsequent decision, has ruled that an appellate court has the power to stay the judgment and conviction, and the immediate result would be that the disqualification or ineligibility would not arise or continue to be effective. Should Rahul get the appellate court to agree that there are strong grounds to question the correctness of the judgment and therefore stay the same, he would once again be able to enter Parliament.

Myriad questions arise from this legal position. What if the conviction is stayed or the judgment reversed on appeal, or the sentence is reduced to less than two years? Would then the period of disqualification, which need not have occurred, not have deprived the constituency of the representative the people had voted for? And, of course, would the party not be deprived of one of their members being available to further their causes and vote in the house?"

It is this possibility that prompted Manmohan Singh in his wisdom to bridge the lacunae arising through such strict application of the law. Unfortunately, Rahul saw fit to ridicule it, and it would now require the government of the day commanding the majority of the House to bring in the necessary legislation.

Insofar as Rahul's conviction for defamation is concerned, while defamation is not considered a heinous offence, it is capable of crippling another's reputation, which is often far more difficult to repair or rebuild than more material objects. But more importantly, the Indian Penal Code makes it a criminal offence and renders the perpetrator liable to be sentenced to two years of imprisonment.

As to whether the judgment is correct in finding his statements defamatory or justifying a sentence of two years would be decided by the appellate court. But the liability to be punished is legally and constitutionally permissible. Even the Constitution, while safeguarding freedom of speech as a fundamental right, has mandated restrictions—including defamatory speech. And the Constitution applies equally to a person who is a Member of Parliament or another citizen. The former is not given the licence to defame as a perquisite of office. Even liberties have their constraints as was attributed to Gladstone, who said "Your liberty ends where my nose begins!"

Viewed thus, the provisions disqualifying a member are not an assault on the Constitution or its democratic values. Of course, despite this legal position, the critic may well point to the possibility of frivolous cases and unjustified actions jeopardising the system. But for that we have to put our faith in the fairness of the judiciary, the voice of the people and respect for the rule of law. If that be utopian, so be it. But I am an eternal optimist!

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OIL SPILLS AND SLIPS AT G20

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In the wake of growing economic fragility during the Asian financial crisis of 1999, G20 was founded to discuss and coordinate international economic and financial stability. Since then, other issues of global relevance have been on the agenda at the forum. Major foreign trade agreements (FTA) were inked on the sidelines of summits in the past, leading to the celebratory demise of crippling trade barriers. Of late, differences and divisions related to geopolitical tensions have surfaced.

The sixth G20 summit in 2011 focused on the need for incremental transparency in the energy market. As India hosts this year's presidency, the energy market has become an important part of the dialogue after a decade. It is very relevant in the present global scenario amid Russia-Ukraine conflict and the imposition of sanctions on Russian crude.

The present situation bears similarities with the Yom Kippur War that led OPEC to impose an embargo on the US and other nations that supported Israel against its aggression on the coalition of Arab States, cutting off almost 65% of the supplies from the Middle East to the West. Ushering the infamous 1973 Oil Crisis, crude prices rose by a whopping 300% in six months. Coinciding with a dollar devaluation, a shadow of structural constraints and challenges caused much collateral damage worldwide. Impartial inflation diminished the value of oil-producing nations' reserves in Western banks! The present-day EU embargo, the price cap on Russian crude and a dwindling US Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) prompted oil analysts to be bullish. On the contrary, economic weakness across nations kept the prices low, and the recent banking tremors have dampened the mood further.

Groups like G20 are polite gatherings to discuss issues but ultimately, fundamental macro policy matters. Oil prices are endogenous vis-à-vis macroeconomics of the world economy and seldom affect the members uniformly. The effect is unique to each member based on the diversity of their resource endowments and economic stature, such as currency dominance.

Desisting from consensus, members prioritise their national interests. Ensuring the continuity of its supply source, Japan obtained exemption of the Sakhalin-2 crude from sanctions citing it as "energy security"!

Post-sanctions against Venezuela, beginning in 2015 and more stringent and comprehensive since 2019, the US considered the present regime a threat to democracy and sliding towards dictatorship.

The US is currently working towards rapprochement with Caracas, an ally of Russia. The intention is touted as "cutting to size" of Russia's dominance in the oil market. Turkey, a member of NATO, continues to cooperate with Ukraine in the defence production sector, such as purchasing engines for stealth drones, while its import of Russian Urals touched a four-month high last February. Flirtatious by instinct, alliances of oil often slip out of prospective marriage!

PTI

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India legitimately asserted its intent while continuing to buy oil from Russia. The move is termed by the US as "ethical and non-violative of the spirit of sanction". Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy are believed to have lifted 40% of the Russian crude landing on Indian ports. For Reliance, the largest refinery in the world with a processing capability of all grades of oil and a production capacity of 1.2 million barrels per day, sourcing crude at the best possible price, regardless of the origin, makes sane business sense. Nayara Energy (erstwhile Essar Oil), 49% owned by Russia's Rosneft Oil Co., produces the ESPO Blend crude oil, a favourite with Indian refiners due to its low sulphur content and high refinery throughput. While keeping their prices unchanged despite high oil prices, the state-owned refineries HPCL, IOCL and BPCL posted a combined net loss of over ₹21,000 crore in the half year ended September 2022. Cheaper Russian oil could assist in recovery.

In oil politics, shifts in ambitions and partnerships are fairly rampant. India has increased its sourcing to 30 countries. The prospect of exploration and production is under consideration in Guyana with its massive reserves and an impending partial exit of ExxonMobil. Keen to maintain its stellar role in the oil import scene, Iraq has initiated discussions on offering a discount for its Basrah crude oil with Indian refiners.

For a country like India, following a policy of multilateralism is in its best interest. Other members of G20 share a similar vision for energy security. A recent Xi-Putin meeting in Moscow transpired over cheaper oil for China. The US is slated to go oil surplus this year and is eyeing a bigger share in exports to China and India, the two largest consumers.

India needs to continue its tight embrace of diplomacy while oil prices witness high volatility as we flit in the geopolitical diversity between Baghdad, Washington and Moscow. Considered the fastest-growing economy among the seven largest and emerging economies, India needs to reinforce its currency in sustainable development, especially in energy. As the bank scrips piggyback broader markets downhill, the spectre of economic sluggishness and dwindling oil demand is resurrected. Though OPEC would consider production cuts should the prices dip lower, some OPEC members' "fiscal straits" would deny them the luxury of such cuts. However, the current Brent Crude price rise beyond $75 offers a reprieve on the re-emergence of a "bullish trend" *(Oil: Stealth And Valuation, TNIE Jan 19)*. Prices could increase substantially by the year's end though a lot would rest on taming inflation and upending recession.

Energy security was a central theme during a run-up to the year-end summit at the India Energy Week last month. Climate change is vital, yet energy dependency and availability remain sacrosanct for all members. Motivated by the theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", the fraternity of G20 needs to revisit its raison d'etre in the context of imparting stability to the world economy, which in present times rests a lot on oil prices. Consensus and conciliation are the best way forward.

The salvation of mankind lies only in making everything the concern of all—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

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Netanyahu's stance

Apropos of *When Netanyahu rocks the Israel boat, Nero style* (Mar 30). In a democracy, the executive, judiciary and legislature are vested with equal powers and one cannot interfere in the other. The protest in Israel is a case in point: Israelis are staunch believers in democracy, which has made Netanyahu retract from his rigid stance.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Washing machine

Mamata Banerjee's 'Washing Machine' metaphor for BJP is no exaggeration. Public experience has revealed that leaders who have criminal charges against them automatically become 'clean' once they join the BJP. Neither the ED nor the CBI bother to investigate them as in the case of opposition leaders. This is blatant discrimination and it raises questions about the credibility of the BJP government.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Treating waste

This is with reference to *Drastic steps a must to treat waste at source* (Mar 30). The recent Brahmapuram waste yard disaster in Kerala is a glaring example of the failure of authorities and people in waste management. A practical, scientific approach to treat waste at the source itself is needed.

Jayashree Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

Adani issue

In a democracy, transparency is the best weapon to make everybody silent but unfortunately, this is not used by the government in Parliament. This is raising many doubts not only in the minds of opposition parties but also the citizens. A transparent inquiry into the inflated share values of the Adani Group not only ends the arguments but also saves the time of Parliament to discuss public issues.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Indian minorities

This is with reference to *Hate speech is a vicious circle, says SC, raps states* (Mar 30). Hate speech directed at religious minorities has become a routine feature of public life in India. The rise of the Hindu nationalists has increased the insecurities of the minorities. Nupur Sharma's remarks denigrating Prophet Mohammed broke all barriers of shamelessness.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Hate speech

The SC has sent a strong message to both ruling and opposition parties that the day politicians stop using religion in politics, hate speech will go away. However, will the parties, and in particular, the ruling party, take this seriously?

N Nagarajan, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Vaikom Satyagraha, the first step towards ending caste discrimination and for equality for all enters its 100th year today.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
Hi @Delhi Police @CPDelhi why does BJP get a license to carry out mob rule in India's capital city? Where is @AamAadmiParty ?

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
The accident in Indore of Madhya Pradesh is very sad. My sympathies are with the families of the victims.

Germany 'takes note' of Rahul case

Fresh war of words erupts between BJP and Congress following Digvijaya Singh's tweet

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

GERMANY on Thursday said it is taking note of Rahul Gandhi's conviction in a defamation case and subsequent disqualification from Parliament, a few days after the US made a similar observation.

"We have taken note of the verdict of the first instance against Rahul Gandhi and the suspension of his Parliamentary mandate," Germany's foreign ministry spokesperson said which was broadcast through Deutsche Welle.

"To our knowledge Gandhi is in a position to appeal the verdict. It will then become clear whether this verdict will stand and whether the suspension of his mandate has any basis," the spokesperson said during a media briefing.

The standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic principles should apply in the case of opposition, she added.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was disqualified as a Member of Lok Sabha (MP) after a court in Gujarat convicted him in a criminal defamation case over his 'Modi surname' remark. In an election rally in 2019 in Kolar, Karnataka, Rahul had said "how come all the thieves have Modi as the common surname".

The criminal defamation case against Rahul was filed by BJP MLA from Surat West Purnesh Modi.

Earlier, the United States said it was watching Rahul's case. US Department of State Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said: "The US engages with the Indian government on a shared commitment to democratic values, including freedom of expression. Respect for the rule of law and judicial independence is a cornerstone of any democracy, and we are watching Rahul Gandhi case in Indian courts'.'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Parliament House complex on Wednesday

Germany's remarks on Rahul Gandhi's disqualification has, meanwhile, triggered a fresh round of war of words between the BJP and the Congress.

Congress leader Digvijaya Singh in a tweet thanked German foreign spokesperson Richard Walker, the German foreign ministry and Chief International Editor of Deutsche Welle, for "taking note of how the Democracy is being compromised in India through persecution of Rahul Gandhi".

Singh tagged a tweet by Walker in which the journalist posted a video of a German foreign ministry spokesperson reacting to Gandhi's disqualification. Singh's tweet invited a series of tweets from senior BJP leaders attacking Congress and Singh.

The ruling party accused the Congress of "inviting foreign powers" for interference in India's internal matters, while the Opposition party accused the ruling BJP of attempting to divert attention from the Adani row.

Senior BJP leader and Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju in a tweet said: "Thank you Rahul Gandhi for inviting foreign powers for interference into India's internal matters." "Remember, Indian judiciary can't be influenced by foreign interference. India won't tolerate 'foreign influence' anymore because our Prime Minister is: Shri @narendramodi Ji".

Slamming the Congress over Singh's tweet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said: "Disgrace to nation, @INCIndia & @RahulGandhi don't believe to fight India's democratic, political and legal battle within country, hence, invite foreign powers to interfere in our internal matter. But New India headed by @narendramodi Ji will not tolerate any foreign intervention."

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also lambasted the Congress over Singh's tweet. "Apparent that @INCIndia wants foreign interference in our affairs. Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Communist Party of China with opaque contents. During interactions abroad, plead for help to change government. Thank them when help forthcoming. Any more proof needed?" she tweeted.

Congress' media department chief Pawan Khera retorted saying, BJP is trying to divert attention from Adani issue.

"Mr. Rijiju, why divert from the main issue? The issue is that the Prime Minister cannot answer Rahul Gandhi's questions about Adani," Khera tweeted.

He asked Rijiju to answer the questions instead of "misleading" people.

MoD pushes for indigenous buys, inks deals worth ₹32K cr

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a major push to the induction of indigenous arms and equipment along northern borders and raise the combat capabilities of the Indian Navy, the Ministry of Defence on Thursday signed four contracts worth more than ₹32,000 crore that includes missiles for the Army, and next generation offshore patrol vessels (NGOPV) and missile vessels for the Navy.

The signed contracts include 11 NGOPV and six Next Generation Missile Vessels (NGMV) to be constructed by Indian shipyards at an overall cost of about ₹19,600 crore.

Another contract worth ₹9,100 crore includes the one for procurement of an improved Akash Weapon System and 12 Weapon Locating Radars (WLR), WLR Swathi (Plains) for the Indian Army. One more deal includes with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd for Next Generation Maritime Mobile Coastal Batteries (long range) and BrahMos missiles worth Rs 1,700 crore.

The Indian Navy has signed yet another contract for the supply of 13 fire control systems (Lynx-U2) at a total cost of over ₹1,700 crore. These are to be supplied by Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited. Three different Indian shipyards have been engaged to manufacture the Indian naval ships. The contract for the acquisition of 11 NGOPVs under 'buy Indian' category was signed with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata at a total cost of Rs 9,781 crore.

Of the 11 ships, seven will be indigenously designed, developed & manufactured by GSL and four by GRSE. The delivery of the ships is scheduled to begin from September 2026.

The acquisition of NGOPVs will enable "the Indian Navy to maintain its combat capability and meet various operational requirements such as anti-piracy, counter-infiltration, anti-poaching, anti-trafficking, non-combatant evacuation operations, search and rescue (SAR), and protection of offshore assets etc." said MoD.

The construction of these ships will generate employment of 110 lakh man-days over a period of seven and half years.

Rajnath sets defence export target at 40k cr by '26

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said India has set a target to export defence equipment worth ₹40,000 crore by 2026. The defence minister was addressing a conclave in New Delhi where he said that the domestic defence production has witnessed a significant increase in the last few years. "We are not only catering our own needs, but are also exporting weapons & equipment to other countries. From ₹900 crore 7-8 years ago, defence exports have skyrocketed and are nearing ₹14,000 crore in the current Financial Year. Our target is export defence equipment worth ₹40,000 crore by 2026," he said.

A NEW LOOK ...

PM Modi makes a surprise visit to the New Parliament building on Thursday | TWITTER

Lawyers flay Rijiju over 'anti-India gang' remarks

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

CALLING the remarks of Cabinet Minister Kiren Rijiju as "unwarranted attack" against the retired judges, more than 300 lawyers from across the country criticized his 'anti-India gang' remarks in an open letter on Wednesday, March 29. They demanded Union law minister Kiren Rijiju to withdraw his comment that a few retired judges are "part of an anti-India gang".

"We, the undersigned lawyers practising in diverse courts around the nation, deprecate the unwarranted attack launched against retired judges of the Supreme Court of India by Union Law Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju, at a conclave telecast live by a media house. The allegations of anti-nationalism against people who have dedicated their lives to upholding the rule of law, and the naked threat of reprisals against them, marks a new low in the public discourse of our great nation," the letter reads.

The letter referred to Rijiju's statement made at the India Today Conclave in New Delhi on March 18 in which he had said that there were "three or four" retired judges who are part of an "anti-India" gang. He referred to a seminar in which judges and senior advocates participated.

'1K cities to be garbage-free by'24'

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

UNION housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday announced that 1,000 cities are targeted to become '3-star garbage free' by October 2024.

Speaking on the occasion of International Zero Waste Day 2023 in New Delhi, Puri highlighted the progress in the garbage free city-star rating protocol, launched in January 2018 to encourage competition among urban local bodies (ULBs). He said the certification had increased exponentially since its inception. Interacting with the *'Swachhta Doots'* (messenger of clean habits) from across the country, the minister congratulated them for being change makers in their community.

The minister further informed that urban India has become Open Defecation Free (ODF), with all 4,715 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) completely ODF, 3,547 ULBs are ODF+ with functional and hygienic community and public toilets and 1,191 ULBs are ODF++ with complete faecal sludge management.

Further, waste processing in India has gone up by over four times from 17 per cent in 2014 to 75 per cent today, added Puri. "This has been aided through 100 per cent door-to-door waste collection in 97 per cent wards and source segregation of waste being practiced by citizens across almost 90 per cent wards in all ULBs in the country," he said.

The minister expressed confidence that the resolve and determination shown in achieving the targets of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) would be amplified manifold in the second phase of the mission --SBM-U 2.0--, where India aims to become a Garbage Free nation.

WHAT IS XBB.1.16 VARIANT?

With India reporting more than 3,000 new Covid cases on Wednesday, the highest single-day rise since Oct 1, 2022, this newspaper takes a look at the situation:

- Covid-19 sub-variant reported from 22 countries but documented mainly in India
- Comprises 60% cases in Maharashtra
- Was in circulation in Pune before named globally on March 5
- Not severe, but the hybrid lineage of recombinant XBB spreads at high speed

One of the over **600** versions circulating worldwide

Has additional mutations, that's why it spreads faster and evades human immune response

CAN IT TRIGGER ANOTHER WAVE IN INDIA?

- Unlikely to create wave due to immunity
- Innate immunity is from recent Omicron infections from other sub-lineages such as BA.2, BA.2.75 and XBB

WHICH ARE STATES MOST IMPACTED?

- Cases double in 6 states — Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh — in just one week (March 22-29)
- Tamil Nadu, Goa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh also reporting rise in cases

What are the symptoms?

Similar to other Omicron sub-lineages, which include tiredness, body pain, headache, sore throat, cough, fever and runny nose

Precautions

Hand wash, maintain proper ventilation in homes and workplaces, isolate, and mask up

HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE SYMPTOMS BETWEEN COVID AND INFLUENZA?

- Initial symptoms similar, hence difficult to differentiate
- Like influenza, Covid is also known to affect multiple organ systems

POPULATION AT RISK

- Senior citizens and people with co-morbidities, like cardiac conditions, pulmonary issues such as asthma, tuberculosis, diabetic and chronic kidney disease

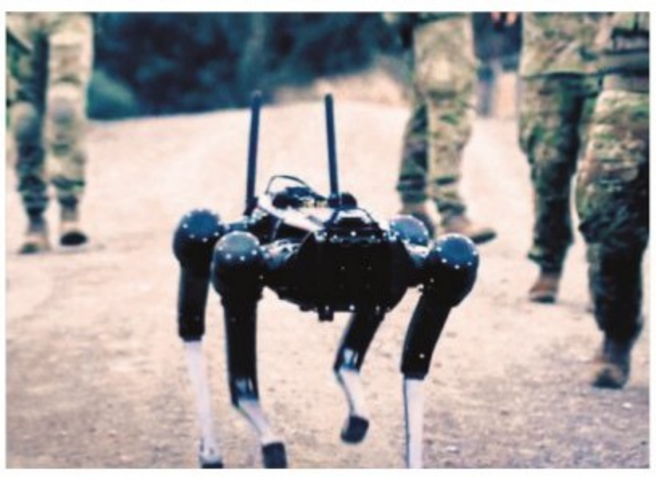
Since Covid-19 virus is constantly evolving, widespread genomic surveillance and prompt epidemiological evaluation of case clusters that occur anywhere in the country will help us detect any change in the behaviour of the virus

Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, co-chairman of IMA Covid-19 task force

EARLY MORNING CLASSES NOT GOOD FOR STUDENTS

If you want the grades of school and junior college students to improve, ensure that classes start late. Researchers at Duke NUS Medical School in Singapore have found postponing the time of commencement of classes improves sleep time, reducing sluggishness during classes. The researchers used student Wi-Fi connection data, log-ins to university digital learning platforms and activity data from special sensing watches to conduct large-scale monitoring of class attendance and sleep behaviour of students. The researchers found that early class start times were associated with lower attendance.

THOUGHT-CONTROLLED DEVICES ON CARDS



The technology was recently demonstrated by the Australian Army, where soldiers operated a Ghost Robotics quadruped robot using the brain-machine interface. | UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY (UTS)

Soon, you could be operating devices merely through thought-control — just plain and simple thought control. Researchers from University of Technology Sydney (UTS) have designed a biosensor technology that will enable this capability based on an advanced brain-computer interface in collaboration with the Australian Army and Defence Innovation Hub. The sensors, hexagonally shaped, are placed over the back of the scalp, to detect brain waves from the visual cortex of the brain. The user has to wear a head-mounted augmented reality lens displaying flickering squares By concentrating on a particular square, the brainwaves of the operator are picked up by the biosensor, and a decoder translates the signal into commands that are issued to the console installed on the object that needs to be controlled, be it a wheelchair or even a robot. The study showed graphene sensors to be conductive, easy-to-use and robust.

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Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting facts that connect with you

Nirad Mudur

PUTTING ON WEIGHT EVEN AFTER A DIET PERIOD? BLAME THE BRAIN

If you have completed a stint of dieting and found a few days later that you have been putting on more weight than before, blame it on your brain. Researchers from the Max Planck Institute for Metabolism Research and Harvard Medical School have found through studies conducted on mice that while dieting communication among nerve cells changes. These cells carry hunger signals during the diet. But after the dieting period is completed, these cells begin receiving relatively stronger hunger signals, which makes the individual eat more, in turn causing more weight gain post the diet period. The researchers focused on neurons in the hypothalamus, the AgRP neurons. These control the feeling of hunger. The neuronal pathways that stimulate AgRP neurons sent increased signals when the mice were on a diet. This profound change in the brain could be detected for a long time after the diet, luring the individual to binge eat, and put on weight. Having identified the neurons, the researchers hope their findings would lead to developing a drug treatment that could control the hunger pangs even after dieting to keep food consumption under restriction, so a reduced body weight is maintained.

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare facilities such as pharmacies and collection centres for pathology laboratories will be established at 270 stations in the Eastern Railway Zone by the end of this year, a senior official said.

3 KILLED AS TRACTOR-TROLLEY OVERTURNS IN C'GARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	33	24	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	32	25
Amritsar	36	22	Lucknow	35	24
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	26	12	Chandigarh	36	22

Violence in Bengal during Ram Navami processions

Vehicles, including police jeeps, torched as clashes break out between two groups; Tension in Howrah & Park Circus in Kolkata; RAF deployed

PRONAB MONDAL @Kolkata

Several vehicles, including police jeeps, were torched during the clashes. Police intervened but they had to retreat because they were outnumbered

TENSION prevailed in Shibpur, Howrah and Park Circus in Kolkata on Friday afternoon as clashes broke out between two groups during Ram Navami processions. Several vehicles, including police jeeps, were torched during the clashes. The district administration has clamped Section 144 in the areas and deployed the Rapid Action Force (RAF) to bring the situation back to normalcy.

The trouble started around 4 pm when the procession along the G. T. Road started passing through a mixed populated area. The participants started shouting Jai Shree Ram slogan which was objected by members of a community in the area who were fasting as part of their religious practice. Soon clashes broke out.

Police intervened but they had to retreat because they were outnumbered. The local Shibpur police station was gheraoed by those who opposed the slogan raised in the procession. Scribes, who rushed to the spot, were chased away and they had to take refuge inside a police station. A few religious structures in favour of the procession was vandalised. In Kolkata's Parck Circus, there was a small clash between two groups where a two-wheeler was vandalised. The situation was brought under control as a large contingent of police personnel rushed to the spot.

CM Mamata Banerjee said the administration would take stern action against those responsible. "Those who were involved in today's violence will not be spared. As far as the police are concerned, they are working tirelessly. But at times they find themselves in a tough situation. But let me make this very clear, in today's incident, the ones who have given safe passage to the offenders, I will take strong action against them," she said while concluding her two-day dharna in Kolkata.

She, however, said the Ram Navami procession took a route which was not permitted. "Why did they change the route at the last moment? If they believe that they will attack others and receive relief, they must know that people will reject them," she said.

Tension grips Maha town over 'temple attack'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A clash broke out between two groups in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra, earlier known as Aurangabad, on Wednesday over rumours of attack on a Ram temple.

The area remained tense on Thursday as 15 vehicles, including police vehicles, were torched. According to the police, the fight broke out between two men near the Ram temple of Kiradpura area.

Matters soon worsened as people started assembling in large numbers and stones were pelted. Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. More forces — state reserve police force, riot control police — were deployed in the area and security was beefed up to prevent untoward incidents. Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, said leaders should retrain from giving provocative comments.

Hindu outfits say attacked, Vadodara cops deny charge

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

HINDU outfits claimed stoned were pelted during the Ram Navami procession in Vadodara in Gujarat, but the police denied saying "there was no incident of stone pelting anywhere".

According to the police, a brawl erupted during the Ram Navami procession, but the situation was soon brought under control. The procession continued along the planned route under police protection. No one was injured but some vehicles were damaged.

Ketan Trivedi, president of the Vadodara Bajrang Dal alleged that the procession is planned nearly every year". Despite this, there was no police presence in the area. Stones were thrown as part of a preplanned conspiracy. "

According to Vadodara DCP Yashpal Jaganiya, the procession began at the Harni police station. A brawl erupted between the two groups beyond Fatepura Panjrigar Mohalla, within the city police station's jurisdiction.

"The situation is under control. The incident took place when the procession reached near a mosque and people started gathering at the spot. This is not a communal riot. We dispersed the crowd and the procession also went ahead on its route," the police official told reporters.

Vadodara Police Commissioner Shamsher Singh tweeted: "There was no incident of stone pelting anywhere, and police did not lathi-charge. There was only an altercation between two groups during the procession." Manoj Ninama, Additional Commissioner of Police, said no one has been reported harmed as a result of the stone-throwing as of yet.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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Mann's pic blackened in mohalla clinic

Angry at the removal of photos of Bhagat Singh and his uncle Ajit Singh from the Mohalla Clinic in Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of the freedom fighter, youths blackened the picture of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann at the clinic. The clinic was previously a Primary Health Centre which earlier had photographs of Bhagat Singh and Ajit Singh adorning the wall. They were later removed when it was made a mohalla clinic. The protesters claimed to be members of Punjab Students Union. Later, the police arrested three members of the Union. One of them claimed Mann had used Bhagat Singh's name to garner votes.

G20 delegates enjoy Chandigarh's culture

Delegates attending the second Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) visited Chandigarh's Rock Garden on March 29, where a few of them danced to the tunes of the Oscar-winning 'Naatu Naatu' song from the movie RRR. Chandigarh Administration had hosted a dinner for the visiting delegates. They were treated to a cultural extravaganza, featuring local dances and music, and got a chance to experience the rich and diverse culinary heritage of the region. The dishes, made from millets included, millet cheesecake, millet chocolate brownies, Bajre Ki roti, dal Baati Churma and Millets Tikki, among others. The ADM is being held under Agriculture Working Group of G20.

Moosewala's father praises Yogi

Balkaur Singh, the father of late Punjabi Singer Shubhdeep Singh, alias Sidhu Moosewala, on the occasion of his son's first Barsi (death anniversary) in Moga praised Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the crackdown on gangsters and criminals in the state. He said that if Yogi had been in Punjab, his son's murder would not have taken place. Singh said that his son was killed because the 'Punjab government was sleeping... in 2024, people will be compelled to vote for Yogi'. He stated this in the presence of the top leadership of the Punjab Congress. This video went viral on the social media.

Tripura BJP MLA caught watching porn in Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

An MLA of the ruling BJP in Tripura, who was caught in a viral video watching porn on his mobile phone in the Assembly, claimed he was inadvertently directed to the vulgar content.

"I was listening to the news. I don't know how it happened. Perhaps, I wrongly pressed something," the lawmaker, **Jadab Lal Debnath** (55), told this newspaper on Thursday.

Debnath was with the CPM before joining the BJP ahead of the 2018 state elections.

The incident, which took place on the second day of the Assembly session on Monday, came to light on Wednesday evening after a video of it went viral on social media. "I know I cannot watch this in the Assembly. This is a serious crime," the first-time MLA said.

He said that neither Assembly Speaker Biswabandhu Sen nor the Assembly Secretariat has contacted him. Calls made to the Speaker went unattended. "I will act as per the direction of the Speaker and my party president (Rajiv Bhattacharjee)," he said.

An embarrassed BJP sought clarification from the MLA. His act has set off a rash of reactions on social media. Opposition parties have demanded action against him.

"MLAs are responsible persons and they should not set any bad precedence," said leader of the Opposition Animesh Debbarma of TIPRA Motha.

The Congress said if the BJP believes in moral values, it should immediately take action against Debnath. "His act has put Tripura in a bad light across the country. The video is in everyone's mobile phone in Tripura. People are talking about it," said state Congress chief Birajit Sinha.

In 2012, three BJP ministers in Karnataka had to quit after they were caught on camera watching porn on their phones during the Assembly proceedings. In 2015, a Congress MLA in Odisha was also suspended.

FOREST LAND

HC says 'trees can't come to court', issues notice to govt

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh High Court hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) on the forest land being allegedly intruded and used for creating concrete structures to run multi-activity centres without securing the mandatory approval on diversion from the union forest ministry, said that "trees and wildlife cannot come to court but someone has to (on their behalf)."

A division bench of acting Chief Justice Goutam Bhaduri and Justice NK Chandravanshi has served notices to the Centre and the state government seeking reply over the petition within three weeks.

DK Soni and Sandeep Tiwari, who filed the petition through counsel Aditi Singhvi, stated that several Gauthans (cattle shelter premises as multi-activity unit) have been set up on forested land without the requisite permission in violation of The Forest Conservation Act 1980. The court observed that if such construction were carried out in the forested area against the law, they would have to be demolished. The approval of the forest ministry is mandatory for the diversion of forest land before commencing any construction work or activities. But it was not done.

US judge says spouses of H-1B visa holders can work during their stay

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN a big relief to thousands of Indians who hold H-1B visas, a US judge has ruled that their spouses can work in the country. In her landmark ruling, US district judge Tanya Chutkan upheld the Obama-era regulation that gave employment authorisation cards to spouses of certain categories of H-1B visa holders and dismissed the lawsuit filed by Save Jobs USA, a group representing IT professionals who claim they lost their jobs to foreign workers.

The H-1B visa programme is designed to allow skilled foreign workers to come to the US and work for American companies. Earlier, their spouses were not allowed to work in the US but an Obama-era legislation changed that by granting employment authorisation to partners of H-1B visa holders, who tend to be highly educated and have considerable work experience in their home countries.

The US has issued nearly 100,000 work authorisations to spouses of H-1B workers. The ruling is also a victory for big technology companies such as Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Google that employ highly skilled H-1 B visa holders. The tech companies had argued that spouse visas were a major attraction for skilled work force in their companies.

Save Jobs USA said it will appeal against the court ruling. According to the group, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) could not have legally given work authorisation to H-4 visa holders.

However, the judge did not accept the argument while noting that DHS and its predecessors have authorised employment not just for students but also for their spouses and dependents.

Judge Chutkan had dismissed the suit by Save Jobs USA earlier as well, saying it lacked standing to challenge the H-4 rule. But, a federal appeals court reversed that ruling in 2019 and revived the case.

Didi steps up offensive against Centre

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday threatened to take her sit-in-protest to Delhi if the Centre does not clear the state's dues.

"We waited till Thursday because we thought the Centre will respond to our demand. But no leader did that. Not only in Kolkata, we can take our movement to Delhi. If necessary, we will hire trains to reach the national capital. We will stage sit-in-demonstration wherever they will stop us," she said while addressing on the last day of her two-day dharna on Red Road in Kolkata in protest against the state's dues from central government and misuse of central agencies. Mamata, however, did not specify any date for continuing her movement in Delhi.

She also mentioned the opposition's unity to derail the BJP from the Centre. "They will have to accept people's verdict and step down. The day will come soon," she said.

The Bengal chief minister alleged the Centre is yet to clear the state's dues to the tune of ₹1,15,000 crore. She also accused the BJP-led Centre of showing discrimination against West Bengal.

Elaborating the reason behind her sit-in-demonstration, Mamata said, "Many people told me I should have held dialogues with the Centre before staging the dharna. I discussed the issue with the Centre 10 times. How many times we will have to tell them."

Nukkad classes: Group study near homes bring students back to schools

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

CONCERNED over regular complaints from parents that their children did not study at home, Principal of Utkramit Middle School at Tangrain, Jamshedpur has started a unique initiative — nukkad classes, — under which children are made to study together in groups near their homes after the school is over. Interestingly, these classes are managed by students themselves for an hour in the evening and monitored by the Principal on regular basis.

To encourage them to attend the classes regularly, children are also given half an hour to play games, especially football, which is provided by the Principal himself.

According to Principal Arvind Tiwari, besides developing sitting habits among the children after their classes to study, Nukkad classes are also providing an opportunity to revise what has been taught in their classes.

As of now, seven such classes are being conducted for more than 267 students enrolled in the school.

"It was observed most of the children in my school did not open their books after they reach their homes, therefore, I thought why not do something so that they develop a sitting habit on their own which may be continued further in their life. After a few weeks of brainstorming, I thought of a model, which I named as Nukkad classes, where children will gather at a particular place and do a self study on regular basis," said the Principal.

Out of the eight villages and tolas under the jurisdiction of his school, seven nukkad classes have already been started and the eighth one will be starting very soon, he added.

"Children have been directed to sit at least for an hour and there will be no teacher but, they will have to self study and in case they have any query, they can ask their seniors; senior students have also been asked to take care of their juniors and guide them when required," said Tiwari.

A local villager Ujjwal Kumar Mandal, who is also associated with village education committee, informed that Nukkad classes have done wonders and the children, who earlier used to roam around here and there after the school, could be seen sitting in Nukkad classes.

Grand-alliance sees red as Shah set to visit Patna

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah will be on a 2-day visit to Bihar from April 1, his fourth visit in the last six months.

Shah will address a public meeting in Nawada and also attend Samrat Ashoka's birth anniversary function in Sasaram the next day.

Shah's visits to the state in quick succession have created a flutter in the political circles with Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar. The CM, without naming Shah or BJP, said on Thursday that people should be cautious as attempts would be made to exploit the historical figure (Samrat Ashoka) for political gains.

Shah's visit to Bihar assumes special significance due to the appointment of leader of Opposition in Bihar legislative council Samrat Choudhary, known for his anti-Nitish rhetoric and also the appointment of Sunil Ojha, considered close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the co-in charge of Bihar BJP.

BJP has intensified its efforts to strengthen its organisation and also broaden its support base by wooing different castes. BJP is trying to make a dent into the Kushwaha vote bank by celebrating the birth anniversary of Samrat Ashoka as the Kushwaha caste, which is the second largest OBC caste after Yadav, claim they are direct descendants of the Mauryas.

Slew of space projects, with some moneymakers

Foreign sats launched so far

Year	No.of Sats
2014	5
2015	17
2016	22
2017	130
2018	60
2019	50
2020	9
2021	14
2022	44
2023 (up to Mar)	37
Total	388

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A slew of space missions have been lined up for this year, which are expected to enhance the country share in the global space economy as well. For context, ever since the Modi government came to power in 2014, the Indian space sector has launched 388 foreign satellites so far, earning €188 million and $157 million in the process.

"On top of the priority list is on the launch of Aditya-1, India's first space mission to study the Sun, aboard the PSLV-C56 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle). Besides, the configuration and design of various systems related to Gaganyaan, the first human spaceflight programme of the country, is over and it has entered the realisation and testing phase. TV-D1, which is Gaganyaan's first test vehicle demonstration, is planned for mid-2023," said a senior official of the department of space.

ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) is also working on XPoSAT, an X-ray polarimeter satellite. It is India's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study the dynamics of bright astronomical X-ray in extreme conditions, which will be launched aboard SSLV-D3 (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle).

Sources in the space department said the launch of the radar imaging satellite, RI-SAT1B, aboard the PSLV C60 is planned for the second half of 2023 in addition to a host of private sector activities, including launch vehicles and satellite launches.

Besides, India's moon mission, Chandrayaan-3 is also on the cards.

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	20	3	TDS	Los Angeles	23	9	LC
Colombo	32	25	LC	Melbourne	19	16	HR
Dhaka	32	23	TDS	Moscow	10	1	HR
Dubai	32	23	SNY	New York	13	5	LC
Houston	28	20	SNY	Singapore	32	26	TDS
Istanbul	19	11	LC	Toronto	4	0	LC
London	10	4	LC	Washington	14	6	LC

US reporter detained in Russia over alleged spying

Moscow court orders two-month detention of Evan Gershkovich

MOSCOW

A Moscow court on Thursday ordered American journalist Evan Gershkovich be detained for two months on suspicion of spying, pending a possible trial.Gershkovich, a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, has been placed in detention "for a period of one month 29 days, that is until May 29, 2023," the Moscow Lefortovsky district court said in a statement.

His detention may be extended at the end of this period.

Gershkovich, 31, is the first foreign journalist to be accused of spying since Russian President Vladimir Putin sent troops to Ukraine a year ago, and the announcement marks a serious escalation in the Kremlin's efforts to silence perceived critics.

The Wall Street Journal said it was deeply concerned for his safety and vehemently denied the FSB security service announcement he was "suspected of spying in the interests of the American government."

Announcement of his detention provoked criticism from Western authorities and media freedom groups. French foreign ministry spokeswoman Anne-Claire Legendre said, "We are particularly worried and have had the occasion to condemn the repressive attitude of Russia" towards Russian and foreign media. International media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said it was "alarmed by what looks like retaliation." RSF said Gershkovich "was investigating the military company Wagner" — a mercenary group playing a prominent role in Russia's campaign in Ukraine.

The FSB noted that Gershkovich was working with press accreditation issued by the Russian foreign ministry.

It said he had been detained for gathering information on Russia's "military-industrial complex." "The foreigner was detained in Yekaterinburg while attempting to obtain classified information," the FSB said, referring to a city in central Russia 1,800 kilometres east of Moscow.

State news agency *RIA Novosti*, citing a Moscow court, reported that the FSB has requested the journalist be arrested. Both the Kremlin and foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova alleged that Gershkovich had been "caught red handed."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov warned Washington against putting pressure on Russian media working in the United States. *Agencies*

Evan Gershkovich

KREMLIN WARNS US AGAINST REPRISALS

The Kremlin warned Washington on Thursday against taking retaliatory measures targeting Russian media, after Moscow detained a *Wall Street Journal* reporter on espionage allegations. "We are hoping that it will not happen and it must not happen," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, referring to any possible steps against Russian media in the US.

In U-turn, Russia says it will share missile test info with US

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will continue to give the US advance notice about its missile tests despite suspending the last remaining nuclear arms treaty between the two countries, a top Russian diplomat said on Thursday. Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov's statement reversed one he made on Wednesday, when he said Moscow had halted all information exchanges with Washington under the 2011 New START pact, including missile test warnings.

But Russia intends to stick by its pledge last month to keep notifying the US about missile tests in line with a 1988 US-Soviet agreement, Ryabkov said. Russian President Vladimir Putin suspended the country's participation in the New START treaty last month, saying Russia could not allow US inspections of its nuclear sites when Washington and its allies have openly declared Moscow's defeat in Ukraine as their goal. Earlier this week, the US announced Moscow and Washington have stopped sharing biannual nuclear weapons data as envisioned by New START.

US officials said Washington had offered to continue providing the information after Putin suspended Russia's participation, but Moscow told Washington it would not share its own data. *AFP*

26/11 CARNAGE

Planners of 2008 Mumbai attack must pay price: Israel

JERUSALEM

THE planners of the "abominable" 2008 Mumbai terror attack should pay a heavy price for it, the Speaker of Israel's Parliament has said ahead of his maiden visit to India, asserting that the fight against terrorism is common concern for the two countries. Amir Ohana will travel to India for four days starting March 31, on his first official visit abroad after assuming office in December last year.

Stating that the menace of terrorism is a common concern, Ohana, a former Shin Bet (Israeli internal security agency) official, told *PTI* that the fight to counter it requires all the progressive countries to come together. Both India and Israel face the problem of terrorism, and the fight against it is a joint one, Ohana said.

"We all remember the abominable terrorist attacks on Mumbai in 2008 in which over 207 people were murdered, of which 178 were Indians. Among the foreigners who were murdered were also Israelis and Jews who came to the Chabad house," Ohana pointed out.

"It was an attack not only on India but also on Jews and free people everywhere," the Knesset Speaker said, adding that it was an attack on the shared values of India and Israel. "Whoever planned and sent the terrorists from the terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba should pay a heavy price for it," he said.

He also spoke of the historical lack of anti-semitism in India and the deepening collaboration between the two countries in several fields. Ohana will be signing a cooperation agreement between the two parliaments with his counterpart, Om Birla, to facilitate knowledge exchange between the two institutions and hold a series of parliamentary, political and economic meetings during his visit. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

In boost for Brazil's right, Bolsonaro back from exile

BRASÍLIA: Three months after leaving for the US in the final hours of his term, Brazil's ex-president Jair Bolsonaro returned home on Thursday to re-enter politics—complicating life for his successor and nemesis, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The far-right ex-army captain, who skipped town two days before Lula's inauguration on January 1, arrived in Brasilia on a commercial flight from Florida. Scores of supporters waving the Brazilian flag were at the airport arrival area to welcome him.

UAE president names son as crown prince

The UAE president, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, named his eldest son, Sheikh Khaled as crown prince of Abu Dhabi, making him the oil-rich Gulf monarchy's likely next leader and cementing his family's hold on power

THE NEW CROWN PRINCE

President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan tapped Sheikh Khaled, 41, his jiu jitsu-loving son, as crown prince of the UAE's richest emirate—a position traditionally held by the leader-in-waiting

POLITICAL SHAKEUP

Hazza bin Zayed is the younger brother of the president. He became the deputy ruler of Abu Dhabi. He was the former National Security Advisor of the UAE and Deputy Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council

Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed, owner of Manchester City football club became vice-president of UAE with the approval of Federal Supreme Council

Tahnoun bin Zayed, the UAE's national security adviser and chairman of the ADQ sovereign wealth fund also became deputy ruler of Abu Dhabi, which controls the bulk of the country's oil reserves. He served as Deputy National Security Advisor in 2013

SAUDI, QATAR WELCOME APPOINTMENT

Sheikh Khaled's appointment was welcomed by other Gulf rulers including fellow energy giants Saudi Arabia and Qatar, as well as leaders of the UAE's six other emirates

HELPED TO BRING NBA GAMES

Sheikh Khaled has served as a member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council and as chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Office, and sits on the board of state oil giant ADNOC

He has been closely involved in youth and environmental projects as well as sport, promoting jiu jitsu and helping bring NBA basketball games to Abu Dhabi

A visibly sick Pope Francis is helped into his car at the Vatican on Wednesday, hours before he was shifted to a hospital | AP

Pope's health progressively improving, says Vatican

ROME

POPE Francis rested well overnight and was "progressively improving" on Thursday, the Vatican said, after he was hospitalised with a respiratory infection that has called into question his participation in Palm Sunday and upcoming Holy Week events.

The 86-year-old pontiff, who had part of one lung removed as a young man, ate breakfast, read the newspapers and was working from his hospital room at Rome's Gemelli hospital, according to a statement from Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni. "Before lunch, he went to the little chapel in the private apartment, where he gathered in prayer and received the Eucharist," statement said.

Francis was hospitalised on Wednesday after having trouble breathing in recent days and was diagnosed with a respiratory infection that wasn't Covid-19. The Vatican said he would remain for a few days of treatment; his audiences were cancelled through Friday.

Francis is scheduled to celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend, and it wasn't clear how his medical condition would affect the Vatican's Holy Week observances, which include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and finally Easter Sunday on April 9.

News of the pope's hospitalisation made global headlines and sparked prayers among many of the estimated 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide— including US President Joe Biden. Biden, only the second Catholic president in US history, urged attendees at a White House reception to "say an extra prayer" for the pontiff.

His hospitalisation was the first since Francis had 33 centimetres of his colon removed and spent 10 days at the Gemelli hospital in July 2021. *AP*

AMBUSH

Taliban attack in Pak kills 4 policemen, injures 6 others

PESHAWAR

TALIBAN terrorists opened fire at a vehicle ferrying security forces in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least four policemen, including an officer, and wounding six others. The terrorists attacked the police mobile van in Lakki Marwat district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. The vehicle was on its way to the Saddar police station when it came under the attack, police said.

Four policemen, including a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), were killed and six others were injured in the attack, they said, adding that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police chief Akhtar Hayat Khan has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

Lakki Marwat police spokesperson said the attack was launched in the early hours of Thursday, resulting in an exchange of fire between the police and the terrorists. During the gunfight, six policemen were injured, he said.

A police statement said that the militants were equipped with advanced and heavy weaponry, the *Dawn* newspaper reported. "The police were on alert and the attackers had to flee when the police returned fire," it said. The terrorists fled while taking advantage of the darkness, it added. *PTI*

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My client **J.A EARANNA**, S/o. H. Anjinappa, aged about 60 years R/at No 1429, 8thMain, 1st Cross, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bengaluru-560 065 is intending to purchase the schedule property from, **Sri. H. Manjunath** S/o Late Hanumantharayappa, aged about 73 years, R/at Obadenahalli Village, Doddabalapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and my client has also entered into a Registered agreement to sell dated 27.03.2023 in respect of the schedule property any person/s having any manner of claims/ objections for the proposed purchase may lodge their claims/ objections with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.
(SCHEDULE PROPERTY)
All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Sy. No. 73/3 Measuring 19 Guntas 01 Guntas of Karab, situated at Obadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddabalapur Taluk, BangaloreRural District and bounded on East by: Property of H. Narayanaswamy, West by: Property of Nagaraj, North by: Rajakaluve, South by: Road
Sandeep S Murthy, Advocate
No 1430, 8th Main, 1st Cross, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bengaluru- 560 065
Mobile: 9916323983.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby notified that our client **STATE BANK OF BANK OF INDIA, SPL HOUSING FINANCE BRANCH,** 2nd Floor, 26th Main 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 (Herein after referred to as bank) , Now Represented by its Chief Manager instructed under signed to issue this public notice that bank has granted loan to its borrower **Mr. SRIVATSA HOLUR GOPAL, S/o Late. H.V. Gopal, & Mrs. VISHNUPRIYA RALLAPALLI, W/o Mr. Srivatsa Holur Gopal Vide Home Loan (Account No 39708954252)** and deposited the original documents pertaining to the property pledged. **While merging the bank's of SBI associates the bank has misplaced /lost one original sale deed dated 31.07.2015 pertaining to the loan property and the said documents was registered as Document no JPN-1-03528-2015-16 and stored in CD no JPND309, Registered at the office of the Sub register JP Nagar Bangalore.** If anybody is in possession or having knowledge about the whereabouts of the said documents the same may be kindly be returned or intimated to the undersigned, further our client bank will also lodge police complaint to the effect of lost/misplace of document with the jurisdictional police.
SRI K. S. VENKATARAMANA, ADVOCATE
KS & KS ASSOCIATES
No 4, 4th floor N R Road, Bangalore 560002
Mob no 9448031328/9740355567

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that our client, (1) **Mrs. Kumari. R.M., W/o Mr. Sukesh. R.** and **(2) Mr. Sukesh. R,** S/o B.M. Ramegowda, R/at Sri Exotica, Flat No.106, Subramanyapura Main, Gowdanapalya, Bengaluru-61 are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Mrs. Lavanya,** W/o M.P. Kishore Kumar, # 13565, Louisiana Lane, Frisco, Texas-75035, DALLAS, USA, Rep. by her PoA holder and her father in law Sri. M. Partha Sarathy, son of Late M.G.Balarama Gupta, No.28/2, H.B. Samaja Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.
Any other person/s claiming any right, title and interest in respect of the Schedule Property or objection/s for the sale thereof may lodge such claim or objection/s with all supporting documents with the undersigned within **fifteen (15)** days from the date of this Publication, failing which, our client will proceed with the conveyance of it and any claim or objection/s made thereafter shall not be binding.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being residential House Site No.49 having **Municipal No.28 and PID No.55-56-28,** situated at 1st Cross, **Muneshwaranagara Revenue Layout,** Bangalore – 61, earlier khatha No.43/2(old 43/1) of **Kadirenahalli Village,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.182- Padmanabhanagar measuring **East to West: 30 feet and North to South 40: feet,** totally **1200 sq. ft.** with R.C.C building i.e., GF and FF measuring 800 sq.ft. each constructed with vitrified Tiles flooring together with doors, windows having all civic amenities and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.48 with the building, **West by :** Site No.50 with the building, **North by:** Road, **South by :** Site No. 39 and 40.
G T . RUDRA MURTHY, Advocate
No.101, FF, Amar Towers, No.1, First Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-09. Ph: 9448080172

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform General Public that, my clients are intending to purchase the entire schedule property from its Owner Mr.Kamal Thacker, son of Late Tulsidas Thakkar, aged about 66 years, residing at No:395, Ninth Main, Second Cross, Dollars Colony, J.P. Nagar Fourth Phase, Bangalore - 560 078;
It is now informed by Mr.Kamal Thacker that, the original General Power of Attorney executed by Mr.Nirmal Thacker in favour of Mr.Kamal Thacker, which is referred in the registered Sale Deed dated 21-07-2012 executed by Smt.R Vasanthi, has been lost / misplaced by him and in this regard a complaint has been registered with Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police on 30-03-2023 and obtained acknowledgement vide Lost Report No:0518255/2023, for having registered the complaint;
Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property representing as the predecessors in title and/or any person claiming under them or as Agreement Holders and/or Power of Attorney Holder and/or on basis of the missing document and/or in any other manner whatsoever, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Seven (07) days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients;
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing BDA No:1775, situated at Third Block, Banashankari Sixth Stage, Bangalore and bounded on the:
East by : Road
West by : Sites bearing BDA No:1762 and No:1763,
North by : Site bearing BDA No:1774
South by : Site bearing BDA No:1776
MEASURING East to West : 24Metres
North to South: 15 Metres
In all ad-measuring 360 Sq.Mtrs.;
Sd/- **LEGALKRAFT PARTNERS**
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No:5/1/2, Fourth Shop Lane, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, BANGALORE – 560 004 Ph: 9880003551
Dt:30-03-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client **Sri B.P. Gopalakrishna,** S/o Pillathimmaiah, R/at No.22, Sharada, 4th Main, MLA Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 004, is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri Vijayakumar Tejbhandas Chhabria, S/o Tejbhadas Chhabria R/at No.237, 5th Main, Tata Nagara, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru-560092.
If any person/entity/firm has any claim/ objection to the above purchase in respect of the Schedule Property, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with details and supporting documents **within 7 (Seven) days** from today, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived. Any objections filed beyond the said date and without any supporting documents shall not bind my client and my client shall proceed with the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.53, Formed out of Sy. No.73/3 and 73/4, in Layout formed by the Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Ltd, Bangalore situated at Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently comes under the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 100, Municipal No.53, presently situated at A.E.C.S. Layout 2nd Stage, Sanjayanagara, Bangalore Measuring East to West 40-0 feet and North to South 45-0 feet totally 1800 Sq.feet and bounded on the:
East by : Site No.50
West by : Road
North by : Site No.52
South by : Site No.44
C.R. KRISHNAPPA, Advocate
No.313, 3rd Floor, Kurubara Sangha Building, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Gandhinagara, Bangalore-560009.
P. No.9845577155
Place: Bangalore. Date: 31/03/2023

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O. S. No. 3242 / 2022 (CCH-30)
BETWEEN:
Mr. Oscar A. Pinto and others
Aged about 66 years, Son of Late Mr. J.A. Pinto Represented by his Power of Attorney Holder **Dr. Errol R. Pinto,** Residing at 'Rose Dale', Bunt's Hostel Road, Mangalore 575 003. **...Plaintiffs**
AND:
Mr. Balaji Shanmuganathan ...Defendant
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908
To: Mr. Balaji Shanmuganath,
Aged about 40 years,
Son of Mr. J. Shanmuganath,
Residing at: Flat No. 11, 2nd Floor, 'Skyline Residency', Municipal No. 5, Kingston Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore 560 025.
WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against, you seeking your eviction from the Suit Schedule Property, in light of the non-payment of the monthly rent, amounting to breach of the Lease Agreement dated 01.10.2020 and for the Defendant to pay mesne profits amounting to approximately 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand only) per month along with interest.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court, in person or through duly instructed pleader **on 17.04.2023 at 11:00 am,** to answer questions as to the same, failing which, this suit will be heard and decided ex parte.
SCHEDULE
(Immoveable Property)
All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat No. 11, 2nd Floor, 'Skyline Residency', Municipal No. 5, Kingston Road, Richmond Road, Bangalore 560 025, comprising of three bedrooms, with three attached bathrooms, hall and kitchen along with store room, together with car parking space / garage bearing No. 1 in the basement floor of the building.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 24.03.2023,
By Order of the Court
Sd/- **Asst. Registrar,**
City Civil Court, Bangalore
Varsha Hittinhalli, Advocate
No. 519 – 520, Level 5, Prestige Centre Point, No. 7, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru – 560052.

Form No. URC-2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]
1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Karnataka that EXCEL CONVERSION PRODUCTS a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares,
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: MANUFACTURING OF TISSUES; BATHROOM TISSUES; COARSE TISSUE [FOR TOILETRY USE] FACE TISSUES OF PAPER; FACIAL TISSUE; PAPER TISSUES;TOILET TISSUE
2. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 60/10, Majarahosahalli Village,Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural 561203]
3. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at E Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Kormangala, Bengaluru 560034, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.
Dated this 31day of March2023
Name(s) of Applicant
1. Om Prakash Tiwary
2. Rani Tiwary

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BANGALORE
(4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
OA NO. 370/2020.
BETWEEN
Punjab National Bank
Represented by its Senior Manager & Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Nagaraja.
Stressed Assets Targeted Resolution and Actions(SASTRA)
#100, Frazer Town, Mosque Road, Bangalore-560005
Email id - cs8192@pnb.co.in
PAN:
IFSC CODE : PUNB0120200
MOBILE: 0120-2490000
:Applicant
AND
Mr. G. V. Venkata Reddy & Another
:Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION.
To
1. Mrs. Bhagyamma,
Residing at No. 67, Gowdanahalli Village, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chickkaballapur District-562105
DEFENDANT NO. 2
1. Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 17 & 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial institutions Act, 1993, against defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.34,87,554/-(Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Only)**
2. The above mentioned Defendant is directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence to show cause wihtin 30 days from the date of publication or on 09/05/2023 at 10.30 AM as to why relief/s prayed should not be granted.
3. Take Notice that all in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence, Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the **24th day of March, 2023** at Bangalore.
Sd/-
By order of Tribunal
Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - I

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
GEM PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Open Bids are invited for the following projects executed by Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited through GEM portal.

Sl. No.	Bid Number	Item Category	Total Quantity	Bid Submission Last Date
1	GEM/2023/B/3314816	Battery Operated Three-Wheeler Passenger	100	12.04.2023 18:00:00
2	GEM/2023/B/3316683	Electric Scooter	30	12.04.2023 16:00:00

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd
8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003
Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand notice dated 19--01--2023 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mahalakshmi & 2.Sathyanarayana to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Home Construction Loan in Loan No: ASARJA0072346 of Rs. 1307420/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 29th day of March, 2023.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs. 1329505/(Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Five Only) as on 23.03.2023** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets
Description of the Immovable property:-
All that piece and parcel of the property situaed at All that piece and parcel of immovable Property No.29/1/1, E - Katha No.150300302700500034 Measuring 220.41 mtrs Situated at Arachalahalli village, Heggadihalli Grama Panchayath , Thubugere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **bounded on : Boundaries: North By:** Maramma Temple and Poojappa Properties, **South By:** Mylachar Property, **East By:** Hanumanthrayappa and Mylachar Properties, **West By:** Govt Road and Maramma Temple.
Date: 29.03.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Arachalahalli **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.**

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3 lakh tonne of onion government agencies will buy once the winter harvest starts coming in, says commerce minister Piyush Goyal

PhonePe calls off $200 mn ZestMoney acquisition

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FINTECH company PhonePe has cancelled its plan to acquire ZestMoney. This is a huge setback for the buy-now-pay-later company. In November last year, it was said that PhonePe will acquire ZestMoney in a deal pegged at $200 million-$300 million.

According to sources familiar with the deal, PhonePe had to cancel it due to various reasons including a slowdown in the fintech sector, regulatory environment and also due to macroeconomic uncertainty.

A person in the know said the deal also had to be cancelled as ZestMoney didn't meet the due diligence and the company is not going ahead with the acquisition deal at present.

Now, ZestMoney has to look for other options such as raising funds and also find a new acquirer. Sources said ZestMoney will evaluate all options. The start-up employs around 450 people and since the deal is now called off it is not yet known whether the company would fire some of its employees.

ZestMoney, which was founded in 2015 by Lizzie Chapman, Priya Sharma and Ashish Anantharaman, was last valued at $470 million. In September 2021, it raised $50 million, and in June 2022, the start-up raised around $20 million.

PSBs face several challenges: FinMin

Ministry raises concerns over unfavourable deposits rates, shrinking NIM, likely MTM losses

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

THOUGH the public sector banks (PSBs) have been able to sail through the latest global banking crisis with ease, they do face issues like unfavourable deposit repricing, declining market share of CASA, frequent repricing of loans, etc.

These concerns were discussed recently in a performance review meeting of PSBs held last week. As the global banking crisis unfolded after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Credit Suisse, the government has identified several challenges faced by the country's PSBs. The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, in its presentation, highlighted the challenges face by PSBs.

As per the DFS presentation, PSBs are raising bulk deposits and funds via certificate of deposits (CDs) at higher rates, deposit repricing terms are also not in favour of these banks even as they have to deal with frequent repricing of loans linked to external benchmark rates. It was also highlighted that PSBs' market share of CASA (Capital Accounts and Savings Account) deposits have fallen from 70% in FY14 to 58% in FY22 even as industry CASA deposits have gone up from 34% in FY14 to 45% in FY22.

Another area of concern raised by the ministry is yields may no longer outpace increase in cost of funds, resulting in fall in net interest margin (NIM), as deposits begin to be upwardly priced. NIM is a measure of profitability for banks. Higher the NIM the better it is for banks.

As per a recent RBI report, the median term deposit rates on fresh deposits rose by 82 bps during May 2022 to February 2023. As a result, term deposits recorded a growth of 13.2% on annual basis, whereas current and savings deposits rose at 4.6% and 7.3%, respectively. Higher share of CASA deposits is considered good for banks as they are cheaper than the term deposits. The ministry hinted at potential rise in mark-to-market (MTM) losses as PSBs available-for-sale (AFS) bond exposure book was at ₹10.67 lakh crore (28.6% of total investment, 7.9% of total assets and 12.9% of total gross advances), as of December 31, 2022. AFS bond investments are recorded at market price, hence any drop in bonds prices has to be reported as loss.

ACHILLES HEEL

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- Mark-To-Market losses may increase as AFS investment book swell to **₹10.7** lakh crore

LAYOFF SEASON

Unacademy to reduce **12%** of its workforce

CEO says funding is scarce and running a profitable biz is key

Goldman Sachs said 300 mn jobs could be affected by latest wave of AI

Last year, Byju's and Vedantu too laid off employees

In **2022** alone, Vedantu laid off **1,000** employees

Another round of layoffs: Unacademy fires 380 employees

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

IN its latest cost-cutting measure, SoftBank-backed Unacademy will fire around 380 or 12% of its workforce. This is the fourth round of layoffs, as the unicorn in November fired 350 employees or 10% of its employees.

In the internal memo to employees, Gaurav Munjal, Co-Founder and CEO, Unacademy Group said, "We have taken every step in the right direction to make our core business profitable, yet it's not enough. We have to go further, we have to go deeper. Unfortunately, this has led me to take another difficult decision." "We will be reducing the size of our team by 12% to ensure that we can meet the goals we are chasing in the current realities we face. I did not anticipate I would have to do this again, and I'm very sorry," he said in the note.

He added that today, the global economy is enduring a recession, funding is scarce and running a profitable business is key. "We have to adapt to these changes, build and operate in a much leaner manner so we can truly create value for our users and shareholders," he added.

The start-up also said that impacted employees will be receiving severance pay equivalent to notice period and an additional one month's pay. They will also get medical Insurance coverage for additional six months- till September 30.

In January, it fired 40 employees in its subsidiary Relevel. With funding winter, many start-ups are struggling and are looking to make business profitable. In 2022 alone, Tiger Global-backed edtech company Vedantu laid off 1,000 employees. Recently, Microsoft-owned GitHub fired its entire engineering team- about 142 people- in India. At a time when big tech companies and start-ups are firing people, employees are also worried that technologies such as Artificial Intelligence might eliminate many jobs in the future. In a report, Goldman Sachs says that 300 million jobs could be affected by generative Artificial Intelligence. The report also said that the impact will vary between different sectors.

Entry of private equity firms in mutual fund industry may trigger buyouts

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

THE entry of private equity (PE) funds in the mutual fund industry could trigger a spate of buyouts and bring smaller asset management companies under the radar of new entrants prowling for their acquisition target.

Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Wednesday allowed PE funds to own mutual fund companies.

"We may see the acquisition of smaller players by new entrants because starting from scratch is a time taking and more challenging process. PE firms typically tend to have relatively shorter time of horizon and far more focus on aggressive growth," CEO of an asset management company told this newspaper.

Entry of these new players in the country's ₹41 lakh crore mutual fund industry will pose challenge for the regulators because of the short-term approach of the PE firms, which does not gel well nature of mutual funds sector.

"One of the challenges for the regulators will be that some of them (PE funds) may follow relatively aggressive growth path because these are the funds with a finite life," he said. "Regulators will have checks and balances but realistically, exit pressure sometimes pushes companies into a mindless expansion. There is a difference between growing at any cost and growing in a sustainable manner," he added.

The industry expects to see more innovations and new approach with entry of new players.

"Some players may choose to start from zero while some would like to acquire existing smaller players. With entry of new players, the mutual fund industry will see more innovation and new talent. Overall it is a positive development and will strengthen mutual fund industry," said G Pradeepkumar, CEO, Union Mutual Fund.

MF industry likely to see more innovations

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Finserv biz demerger: Reliance shareholders to meet on May 2

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RELIANCE INDUSTRIES (RIL) on Thursday called for a meeting of equity shareholders, secured and unsecured creditors to vote on the demerger of its financial services arm, Reliance Strategic Investments Limited (RSIL). The meeting, according to a regulatory filing, will be convened on May 2.

The meeting, RIL said, is being called as per an order by the Mumbai Bench of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal dated March 27, 2023.

The approval to demerge the financial units came in October 2022 when the billionaire Mukesh Ambani promoted telecom-to-oil conglomerate announced that Reliance Strategic Investments would be renamed Jio Financial Services and veteran banker KV Kamath would be the non-executive chairman of the new company.

RIL had also said that Jio Financial Services (JFS) will be listed on the Indian stock exchanges.

"JFS will be a technology-led business, delivering financial products digitally by leveraging the nation-wide omni channel presence of Reliance's consumer businesses. JFS is uniquely positioned to capture multiple growth opportunities in financial services bringing millions of Indians into formal financial institutions," Ambani had said after the board approved the demerger.

The shareholders of RIL will be receiving one equity share of JFS for one equity share of RIL. "The board has approved the entitlement ratio based on the recommendations of the independent valuer and merchant bankers," RIL had said in October 2022.

APPOINTMENT

Niranjan Gupta elevated as CEO of Hero

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The country's largest two-wheeler manufacturer Hero MotoCorp on Thursday said it has elevated Niranjan Gupta as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Gupta, currently designated as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Head - Strategy and M&A, takes over as the CEO with effect from May 1, 2023.

The company's board has appointed Gupta as the new CEO elevating him from his current position as its CFO, Head - Strategy and M&A, the two-wheeler major said in a regulatory filing. Pawan Munjal will continue as executive Chairman and whole-time director on the company's board, it added. The company said it will announce a new CFO in due course of time.

"Gupta has been instrumental in defining the organisation's growth story with his rich and diverse experience across finance, strategy and operational effectiveness in both developed and developing markets," Munjal noted.

Fundraising via initial public offer halves in FY23

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

AMID high volatility and weakness in the capital market, fewer private companies decided to go public in the financial year 2022-23.

A total of 37 Indian companies raised ₹52,116 crore through main board initial public offerings (IPOs) in the financial year 2022-23, less than half of the ₹1,11,547 crore (all-time high) raised by 53 IPOs in 2021-22, according to data issued by Prime Database.

If not for state-backed LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India), funds raised in the primary market would have been far lower.

According to Pranav Haldea, managing director, PRIME Database Group, ₹20,557 crore or a huge 39 % of the amount raised in 2022-23 was by LIC alone, without which the IPO fundraising would have been just ₹31,559 crore. Despite the big slump, the amount raised in FY23 is still the third highest ever in terms of IPO fundraise. According to Prime Database, the pipeline remains strong for FY 2023-24 as 54 companies proposing to raise ₹76,189 crore are presently holding SEBI approval and another 19 companies looking to raise about ₹32,940 crore are awaiting SEBI approval.

Haldea said with weakness still prevailing in the secondary market, because of a combination of domestic and foreign factors, IPO activity is likely to remain muted for the first couple of quarters. "We may see some smaller sized IPOs. However, it will be a while before we see larger sized deals, especially in light of lack of sustained interest from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)," added Haldea. IPO response in FY23 was also muted on account of moderate listing performance. Average listing gain fell to 9.74%, in comparison to 32.59% in 2021-22 and 35.68% in 2020-21. Of the 36 IPOs, only 16 gave a return of over 10%.

FY23 saw 68 companies filing their offer document with SEBI for approval (in comparison to 144 in 2021-22) including the first 'pre-filing' case of Tata Play in December 2022.

Primary market fundraising

Year	No of IPOs	Fund Raised
2022-23	37	₹52,116 cr
2021-22	53	₹1,11,547 cr

LIC raised **₹20,557** crore or **39 %** of the amount raised in FY23

IPO activity likely to remain muted for first couple of quarters of FY24

Without LIC IPO, fundraising would have been just **₹31,559** crore in FY23

EXPRESS READ

New Foreign Trade Policy 2023-28 on Friday

NEW DELHI: With a view to boost exports amid slowing global trade, India will unveil its new Foreign Trade Policy 2023-28 on Friday. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will announce the foreign trade policy, according to the ministry. The current foreign trade policy (2015-20) is in force till March 31, 2022. The term of the previous five year policy had ended in March 2020. However, it has been extended in the wake of Covid outbreak and resulting lockdowns. *ENS*

Srinivasan to lead Wipro India, Southeast Asia biz

BENGALURU: IT services company Wipro on Thursday announced that Badri Srinivasan will lead its India and Southeast Asia businesses. Wipro, in a statement, said Srinivasan will be taking over the leadership of these two regions to drive deeper synergies, facilitate sharing of best practices, deliver consistent and exceptional client experiences, and scale the firm's ability to capitalise on the emerging growth opportunities. Srinivasan joined Wipro in January 2022 as MD for Southeast Asia. *ENS*

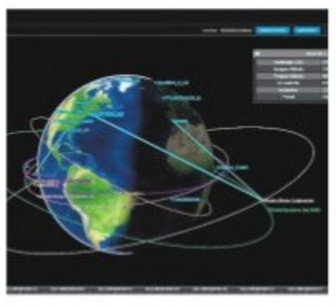
Spacetech start-ups venturing into satellite positioning, security market

VAITHEESWARAN B @Chennai

SPACE-TECH start-ups are venturing into one of least penetrated domains in the space economy - space situational awareness (SSA) and space traffic management (STM) market.

Despite a robust space program, India is yet to develop strong capabilities in this area. A significant number of players are eyeing a piece in the pie. New Delhi-based Aerospace and defence tech start-up Samkalpa Systems has formed a joint venture Vedcomspoc, an enterprise software for SSA. The company is in talks with the Indian Space Research Organisation for setting up a ground observatory and providing a technological interface for a mission control centre, said Ravnish Luthra, founder of Vedcomspoc. "We're also in touch with private players," he added.

SSA is analysis of space environment, which includes real-time tracking of space assets to avoid collision of satellites with each other or with debris,



analysing security threats from adversaries, including spying and military satellites.

India is in an early-stage in SSA and the country's capacity is inadequate, according to Lt. Gen. AK Bhatt (Retd), former Director General of Military operations and Director General of Indian Space Association (ISpA), an industry body.

More and more near-collisions and increasing risk of maneuverable satellites posing risks and critical capabilities have to be ISRO-led, he added.

With satellites being an integral part of the modern telecommunication, the focus to protect these satellites from adversary spying or attacking on them is increasing, said Paul Graziani, founder and chief executive of COMSPOC Corp, which provides services for US Air Force, among others.

Recently speaking at an event in Bengaluru, ISRO Chairperson and Space Department secretary Somnath said that India needs to develop capability in SSA and STM. Increasing number of launches, deployment of smaller satellites and constellations and increased space debris are driving the demand for space situational awareness. The ESA Space environment report 2022 observes that current launch traffic in lower earth orbit is around 10 times higher than in 2000.

Developing Space situational awareness capabilities requires space assets and ground assets which includes satellites, telescopes and radars, along with data analysing engines. Bengaluru-based start-up Digantara is building the country's first commercial space situational awareness observatory at Uttarakhand.

Split India's biggest conglomerates, says ex-RBI deputy Guv Acharya

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

THE biggest conglomerates in the country should be broken up as they are contributing to elevated inflation, as per Viral Acharya, former deputy governor Reserve Bank of India. Top conglomerates have immense pricing power in the retail, resources and telecommunication sectors, he said.

The 'Big 5' consisting of Reliance Group, Tata Group, Aditya Birla Group, Adani Group and Bharti Telecom have grown at the expense of smaller local firms, said Acharya, who is a professor of economics at New York University Stern School.

"Creating national champions, which is considered by many as the industrial policy of 'new India,' appears to be feeding directly into keeping prices at a high level," Acharya wrote in a paper to be presented at a Brookings Institute panel on emerging markets.

He suggested such conglomerates should be dismantled to increase competition and reduce pricing power. If that doesn't work, "throw sand in the wheels by making it economically unattractive to remain a large conglomerate unless productivity gains are truly large," he said.

Part of Acharya's reasoning was that Indian consumers could not fully benefit from input price declines as the Big 5 companies control manufacturing of metals, coke, refined petroleum products as well as retail trade and telecommunications.

The former RBI governor said goods inflation remained high in the country, even though globally it declined last year after supply-chain issues eased.

Hamburg defender banned for 2 years in doping case

Hamburger SV defender Mario Vuskovic was banned for two years Thursday in a doping case. The German soccer federation banned Vuskovic after he tested positive last year for EPO, which is forbidden because it can increase the oxygen-carrying capacity in blood. It has been popular in endurance events like the Tour de France and distance running.

Another season of the world's richest franchise-based cricket league kicks off with holders Gujarat facing perennial winners Chennai

SEASON 16, EPISODE 1

Nine of the 10 captains (Rohit Sharma missed the ceremony) with the trophy they'll be fighting for ahead of the latest season of the IPL, in Ahmedabad on Thursday | IPL

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN a 21-year-old Hardik Pandya changed the fate of the game in a matter of six balls at Chennai in 2015, announcing his arrival at the Indian Premier League in the process, T20 seemed like a different sport. In the eight years since, a lot has changed not just for the two individuals, but the league and the format itself (in some ways, it's become more different to what it was in 2015).

The rugged big-hitting talent has grown into the next India captain in line while the then national skipper is inarguably in the December of his IPL career, potentially playing in the tournament for one last time. On Friday, the duo will be up against each other once again with the Pandya-led Gujarat Titans set to take on CSK in the opening game of the 2023 IPL at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

From the outset, it is hard not to look at the duel between two captains, especially with one having been mentored by the other for the better part of his career. However, there is more to it. From where they are in their careers personally to where these two teams are in the scheme apropos this league, it represents a battle between the tried and tested and the newly-anointed champions.

A four-time winner up against a team that won the title on its debut and is just playing the second year in the league.

There isn't a thing that Dhoni and his team hasn't seen in the last 15 years. On the other hand, the Titans haven't tasted anything but success. CSK relies on experience and proven ability of the individuals to win matches under pressure while Titans put individuals in different positions, including youngsters like Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan and they have responded. However, they are yet to see a pitfall having had a season where everything they touched turned gold. It will be interesting to see how they respond if things do not go their way from the start, especially for Pandya who is Rohit Sharma's deputy for India in white-ball cricket.

The all-rounder had a whirlwind of a year in 2022 where from not knowing if he will be able to play or bowl. From there, Pandya led Titans to glory with impeccable success and some smart captaincy decisions. Not to mention the leadership qualities that came to the fore when thrusted with responsibility. As athletes often say, it is not about doing it once in the first year, but about developing the habit of delivering consistently as someone like Dhoni has for CSK; nine finals and eleven playoffs in 13 years is testament to it. Something Pandya, too, would want to emulate with the Titans.

That said, it should not come as a surprise should Dhoni not take the field on Friday. It seems the CSK skipper is carrying a niggle and did not bat in the nets on Friday. While the final call is reportedly expected to be taken on the day of the match, the team management might not want to risk playing the opening game only to miss his return to Chennai against Lucknow Super Giants on Monday.

Amidst all the internal contests and battles, there are more new things to look forward this season — Impact Player, DRS for wide/no ball, the playing XI after toss and so on. While one has to wait and see how teams adapt, one constant thing remains. Titans, for the first time, will be playing in a league game at the their home ground with the home and away format returning this season. A lot of new things and a tinge of familiarity coming together for another long season, a 74-match 52-day tournament, kicks off on Friday.

A GLIMPSE AT RECENT HISTORY

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	ORANGE CAP	PURPLE CAP
2022	Gujarat Titans	Jos Buttler	Yuzvendra Chahal
2021	Chennai Super Kings	R Gaikwad	Harshal Patel
2020	Mumbai Indians	KL Rahul	Kagiso Rabada
2019	Mumbai Indians	David Warner	Imran Tahir
2018	Chennai Super Kings	Kane Williamson	Andrew Tye

WHO WILL HAVE FIRST LAUGH?

Holders Gujarat Titans face Chennai Super Kings in the opener on Friday. A look...

CSK spinners vs Titans middle-order

In the absence of David Miller, Gujarat's middle-order suddenly has a hole. He was their main man last season and one wonders how they will cope without him against Chennai's many tweakers led by Ravindra Jadeja.

Vote of confidence for Wiliamson

The former NZ captain has received a vote of confidence from his new franchise. He has been in good form off late in the longest format so will he be able to translate it? His batting role will be key for the holders as they are short of quality reserve overseas batting specialists.

Conway vs Shami

The Kiwi southpaw is a gun batter but likes to build his innings before catching up. In Mohammed Shami, who is a good bowler against left-handers, the hosts have an operator who matches up well against Conway.

Chahar vs. Gill

Indian batting's next special kid is Shubman Gill. But he's yet to really stamp his class in this format, especially with how he approaches the powerplay. Against Deepak Chahar, a genuine swing bowler, will he look to show a new side?

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STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

'Better-prepared' Sai ready to conquer IPL

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU and Gujarat Titans top-order batter B Sai Sudharsan, who had a fruitful domestic season for his state across formats last year, will be one of the youngsters to watch out for in the Indian Premier League that gets underway on Friday when Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans lock horns in the season opener in Ahmedabad.

From making a name in the 2021 Tamil Nadu Premier League to becoming one of the top batters for the state, the southpaw has come a long way. While he had just one fifty to show in the limited opportunities the TN opener got with the Titans in 2022, this year, the youngster is hungry for more. Training under the watchful eyes of coach Ashish Nehra and captain Hardik Pandya, he is confident of making an impact.

"We had a good training schedule and we bonded very well. We were all focused on our specific jobs and roles. It was fruitful session for me where I learnt a lot from our captain and coach Nehra," Sudharsan told this daily. Admittedly, he was a bit under prepared for the IPL last year and the quality of bowling in the league was also a notch higher than domestic cricket. However, having spent time and gained knowledge about the intricacies of IPL and a fantastic domestic season behind him, Sudharsan is better prepared for the IPL this season.

"I worked on my game with all the coaches at the club level and state and was in good nick. Here at Gujarat too, my coaches made sure that I went through the grind like any other player. Our coach Nehra took some time off to interact with me and wanted me to express myself without any fear. It is a very healthy atmosphere here at Gujarat and I am enjoying every minute," he said.

Training along with a player of Pandya's calibre is a dream for any youngster and it has been no different for the TN youngster. "Watching our captain Hardik Pandya is a learning experience. The commitment he shows in his training sessions and the way he leads the team is an inspiration for any youngster. He is very motivated and wants to lead by example. He spent some time with me and advised me to play my natural game and never stop learning."

Having seen and known what is expected of him, the southpaw has come prepared and is ready to give his best. "I am better prepared this time around for the IPL. I have worked on my game in the past few weeks to suit this format. I am aware of the demands of IPL and I am confident that if given an opportunity I will deliver to the best of my ability," he signed off.

B Sai Sudharsan

AKASH REPLACES MUKESH IN CSK

AHMEDABAD: Chennai Super Kings has named Akash Singh as a replacement for injured left-arm seamer Mukesh Choudhary, who is recovering from a stress fracture. Left-arm pacer Akash previously played for Rajasthan Royals.

EXPRESS READ

Sindhu, Srikanth enter quarterfinals

MADRID: Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth moved to the singles quarterfinals of the Madrid Spain Masters badminton tournament. Sindhu dispatched Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia 21-16, 21-14. Srikanth pulled off a 21-15, 21-12 win over compatriot B Sai Praneeth.

Jehan looks to build on Jeddah gains

MELBOURNE: India's Jehan Daruvala will be hoping to score a repeat of his Jeddah double podium as the Formula 2 championship heads to the Albert Park circuit for the first time. The 24-year-old, who races for MP Motorsport, was the only driver to finish both races of the Jeddah round in the top three.

Sasikumar powers to Mysuru Open quarters

MYSURU: India's Sasikumar Mukund stormed into the singles quarterfinals of the ITF Mysuru Open 2023 with a 6-1 6-2 victory over compatriot Faisal Qamar here. It was Sasikumar's second match of the day as he earlier had to complete Wednesday's rain-hit Round of 32 draw against Serbia's Boris Butulija.

India draw Japan, Vietnam & Uzbekistan

NEW DELHI: India were placed in Group D alongside Japan, Vietnam and Uzbekistan in the AFC U-17 Asian Cup to be held in Thailand from June 15 to July 2. The top two teams from each group will progress to the knockout stages. The four semifinalists will qualify for the 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup to be held in Peru.

Tennis umpire handed lifetime ban

LONDON: A tennis umpire from the Dominican Republic was handed a lifetime ban from the sport for manipulating the scoring of matches in 2019. Fabian Carrero was found to have committed 16 breaches of tennis' anti-corruption program across eight matches in tournaments held in the Dominican Republic in November and December 2019.

PEATY TO SKIP BRITISH C'SHIPS OVER MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES

AFP @London

TRIPLE Olympic gold medallist Adam Peaty has withdrawn from the British Swimming Championships due to mental health reasons. The 28-year-old said he is "not enjoying the sport" as he has done previously but is still planning to compete in next year's Paris Olympics.

Peaty will be hoping to defend the 100 metre breaststroke and 4x100 metre mixed medley golds he picked up at Tokyo 2020.

"Very few people understand what winning and success does to an individual's mental health. They don't understand the pressures these individuals put on themselves to win over and over again," Peaty posted on his social media accounts.

"As some people may know, I've struggled with my mental health over the last few years and I think it's important to be honest about it. "I'm tired, I'm not myself and I'm not enjoying the sport as I have done for the last decade."

Peaty suffered a setback in 2022 after breaking his foot in a freak training accident, but was able to recover in time and compete at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham last summer.

He suffered his first defeat in the 100 metre breaststroke for eight years, finishing fourth, but bounced back 48 hours later to win gold in the 50 metre distance.

Peaty also claimed gold in the 100 metre breaststroke at the 2016 Rio Olympics. "Whilst I am continuing to train, I have decided to withdraw from the British Swimming Championships next month. This is with the sole purpose of delivering the best performance possible in Paris at the 2024 Olympic Games," Peaty added.

"This sport has given me everything I am and I'm looking forward to finding the love I have for it again."

Mercedes optimistic ahead of Oz GP

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A cautiously optimistic Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said the team has made "promising" progress since the first two Grand Prix of the season, with another solid points haul on his wish list for Melbourne this weekend. On the high-speed, power-friendly Jeddah track a fortnight ago, there were distinct signs of life as Mercedes left Ferrari floundering, with George Russell finishing fourth and Lewis Hamilton fifth.

It was a clear improvement from the season-opening race in Bahrain, where they offered little competition to the Ferrari, Aston Martin or victorious Red Bull teams. While they remain well adrift of the dominant Red Bull team, Wolff said their W14 car was improving.

"The progress we saw in Saudi Arabia was encouraging. We maximised the package we had and scored some solid points," he said late Wednesday.

"More importantly, we continued to learn and understand more about the W14 and our development direction. Everyone back at base has been hard at work to turn these learnings into performance."

"The signs we are seeing back at the factory are promising," he added. "We have got to take it step by step, though, and won't get carried away until we see performance translated into lap time on track."

Mercedes won eight successive constructors' titles before Red Bull claimed the crown last year, with seven-time world champion Hamilton currently enduring the longest winless run of his record-breaking career. Wolff admitted "a significant gap" still remained between Mercedes and Red Bull "and that is ultimately what we are interested in closing".

"As always, we will look to maximise the car we have, and score as many points as our potential currently allows," he said of Sunday's Australian Grand Prix at the fast Albert Park circuit. "We are not where we want to be, but that won't stop us from racing hard and giving it everything we've got."

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (L) & Carlos Sainz Jr play swingball in the paddock | AFP

Piastri upbeat

Rookie McLaren driver Oscar Piastri grew up 15 minutes away from the Australian Grand Prix circuit and used to play cricket on the ovals being used as the race paddock. Now 21, he is preparing for a dream debut at Albert Park — only his third race in Formula One — in front of an estimated 140,000 fans on Sunday to cap a meteoric rise. "I played Aussie Rules footy and cricket on some of the ovals that are now the paddock, so yeah, very special to be home this weekend," said the Australian, seen as one of the sport's hottest young talents.

His opening two races were a mixed bag, coming 15th in Saudi Arabia and failing to finish his debut grand prix in Bahrain.

Alonso high on confidence

Veteran Fernando Alonso said Thursday he was brimming with confidence heading into the Australian Grand Prix, but was cautious about whether Aston Martin could maintain their red-hot early season form. The Spanish star, who won in Melbourne 17 years ago piloting a Renault, has secured stirring podiums at both races so far this year, with only the dominant Red Bulls of Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez quicker. "At the moment, we are extremely happy with the performance of the car obviously," he said.

"We were better than expected, especially in Jeddah — I think it was a nice surprise, so we arrive here with a good level of confidence."

IOC chief slams 'politicisation' over Russia

AFP @ Lausanne

INTERNATIONAL Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach on Thursday said it was "deplorable" that several European countries had criticised a move to readmit Russian and Belarusian athletes to world sporting competition.

"It is deplorable to see that some governments do not want to respect the majority within the Olympic movement, nor the autonomy of sport," Bach told reporters, following a three-day meeting of the IOC's executive board. The executive board on Tuesday recommended the return to competition of Russian and Belarusian athletes as individual neutrals. However, they refused to give a timeline on the decision on potential participation of athletes from Russia and its ally Belarus at next year's Paris Olympics.

They have been largely banned since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February last year. Bach on Tuesday had urged the firm rejection of political interference in the ability of sporting organisations to decide the participation in their events.

Sinner wins, Sabalenka out

AFP @ Lausanne

ITALY'S Jannik Sinner eased into the semifinals of the Miami Open after a comfortable 6-3, 6-1 win over Finland's Emil Ruusuvuori on Wednesday. In the women's section, World No 2 Aryna Sabalenka suffered a shock straight sets Miami Open quarterfinal loss to resurgent Romanian Sorana Cirstea, who reached her first WTA 1000 semifinal in a decade.

Cirstea, ranked 74th in the world, triumphed 6-4, 6-4 against the Australian Open champion to secure her first WTA 1000 semifinal since Toronto in 2013.

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APPENDIX IV - [PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) & 9(1)]

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Property under SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to borrowers and guarantors, details whereof are mentioned below, that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged/charged to the India Resurgence ARC Private Limited (India RF/Secured Creditor), the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of India RF/Secured Creditor **on 23-11-2021 will be sold on 24-04-2023 "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** as per the brief particulars mentioned in the schedule.

Name of the Account/ Borrowers/ Guarantors	Name of the owner of the property	Nature of Possession and date	*Outstanding Amount (as on current date) & date of demand notice	Reserve Price (INR)	EMD/ Bid Increase Amount	Last date of submission of bid	Date/ Time of e-Auction	**Known encumbrances if any
XMOR-SA100077101 SIGNAGE GRAPHICS KUMAR AL USHA K	A L KUMAR	Physical Possession 23-11-2021	Outstanding as on 31-03-2023 is Rs.2,60,81,806/- [Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakh Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six) Demand notice dated 15-May-2019	Rs. 1,50,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Fifty lakh Only)	Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Only)	21-04-2023 (05.00 P.M)	24-04-2023 10.00 am to 11:00 am	Nil

DETAILS OF PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of property bearing new corporation/BBMP No.11, PID No.97-70-11, 10th cross (presently known as 11th cross), Thimmaiah garden, Ward No.97(formerly portion of Sy.No.39, situated at Matadahalli Village, Kasba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk) Bengaluru, Karnataka-560032 measuring eastern side: 14 + 21 feet, western side: 35 feet, northern side: 60 ½ + 29 ½ feet, southern side: 99 feet, inall total 2778.50 square feet **and bounded on: East:** 20 feet road property belongs to Sri. Narayanaswamy & Sri. Siddaraju, **West:** Government Drain, **North:** property belongs to Sri Ramaiah, **South:** Private Property. Alongwith 2071 Sq.Ft. in Ground Floor, 2071 Sq.Ft. in First Floor and 2071 Sq.Fts. in Second Floor R.C.C.Roofed building thereon.

***together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred up to the date of payment and realisation thereof.** **other than the encumbrances mentioned in the table above, there are no encumbrances on the Immovable property to the best of knowledge of Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor. The intending bidders should do their own independent diligence regarding the encumbrances, title of the Immovable Property. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/ rights/ dues.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. E-Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://www.bankauctions.in** . Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms & process before taking part in the e-Auction sale proceedings. **2.** The property & property documents can be inspected, with prior appointment with Authorized Officer on or before the date for e-Auction mentioned. **3.** The Immovable property will not be sold below the Reserve Price (RP) and accordingly the participating bidders are invited to bid more than the RP and may enhance their offer further during auction process as specified by the agency conducting the auction i.e. **M/s.C1 India Private Ltd. 4.** The interested bidders before the last date & time of submission of the Bid shall submit their Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to Elexa Resolution Advisors LLP, duly authorised service provider of India RF at their office at **601, 6th Floor, Time Towers, Sector 28, MG Road, Gurugram, Haryana-122002** through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS/PAY ORDER in favor of **"India Resurgence ARC Trust II", HDFC Bank Limited, Account Number- 57500000340699, IFSC Code: HDFC0000060 payable at Mumbai.** Please note that the Cheques shall not be accepted as EMD amount. **5.** Interested bidder shall submit copy of the following documents with the Authorised Officer **Ms. Ragini M K, ragini.k@indiarf.com** or with **Mr. Sangamesh Masti, 9886051974, sangamesh@elexa.co.in a)** Photocopy of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT/ PAY ORDER details towards EMD amount. **b)** Self-attested photocopies of KYCs and address proof such as PAN Card, Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport/ Aadhar Card etc. **c)** Bidders Name, Contact No., Address, e-mail ID. **d)** Bidder's account details for online refund of EMD. **6.** Post registration (one time) by the bidder, the interested bidder may upload the details of aforementioned documents on the Web Portal. **7.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://www.bankauctions.in** and get their User ID and password free of cost. It shall be the obligation of the prospective bidder to avail online training on E- Auction from the agency conducting the auction/service provider namely **M/s. C1 India Private Ltd, Chennai** and **Contact Person: M.Prabakaran: 07418281709, email: tn@c1india.com,** and for any property related query may contact **Mr. Sangamesh Masti** during the working hours from Monday to Saturday. Neither the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor nor the agency conducting auction shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event. **8.** Only buyers holding valid KYC, address proof, user ID/ Password and confirmed payment of EMD through any of the mode mentioned above in favor of "India Resurgence ARC Trust II" shall be eligible for participating in the e-Auction process. **9.** During the Online Inter-se Bidding, bidder can improve their bid amount as per the 'Bid Increase Amount' (as indicated by the agency conducting the auction namely **M/s.C1 India Private Ltd)** or its multiples. In case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-Auction process shall be declared as the highest bidder by the agency holding auctions. The Authorised Officer post verification of the documents and other information shall thereafter declare such highest bidder as successful bidder and shall confirm the sale in his favour subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor. **10.** The EMD of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The EMD shall not bear any interest. **11.** The successful bidder shall immediately pay 25% of the amount of sale price (inclusive of the earnest money already deposited) on the same day or not later than next working day from the date of confirmation of sale in favor of Secured Creditor in the account as mentioned hereinabove. The balance 75% of the sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of confirmation of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing between the purchaser and the Secured Creditor, which shall not in case exceed three months. **12.** In the case of default of payment within the prescribed time mentioned above, the amounts deposited by the purchaser shall be forfeited by the Secured Creditor and the property shall be resold by the Secured creditor. All the claims and rights over the property of the defaulting purchaser shall stand forfeited. **13.** Once the terms of the payments mentioned above have been complied, the Authorised Officer shall issue certificate of sale of the immovable property in favor of the purchaser. **14.** The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fees etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody in relation to the property. **15.** The Authorized Officer in its sole discretion may accept or reject any bid, adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e- Auction without any prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof. **16.** The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction Process available on the web portal of **https://www.bankauctions.in** , before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction. **17.** Special Instructions: Bidding in the last moment should be avoided. Neither the Secured Creditor nor Service provider will be responsible for any technical lapse/ power or internet failure etc. In order to avoid such contingent situations bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped and have all alternatives such as power supply back-up etc., so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the online Inter-se Bidding, successfully. **18.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained hereinabove, if the borrower has paid the outstanding amount along with future interest computable till the date of payment in full any time before the date of publication of this notice for public auction, in such an event in terms of section 13 (8) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, the Secured Creditor shall not transfer the Secured Assets by way of lease, assignment or sale.

Date: 31-03-2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, India Resurgence ARC Private Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE (LOST DOCUMENT)

Public are informed that, my client Mr. V. Raghavendra Rao, has lost the Original document Sale Deed dated 19/05/2012 executed by Smt. Bhagyamma in favour of Smt. A. Philomena, vide regd. as doc. No. 1693/2012-13, in the sub registrar office, Bangalore are missing/Lost.

If any person/s firm company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within 7 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 209, Katha No. 418/420/209, Property No. 42, Agrahara Village, BBMP, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 50 feet North to South 30 feet and bounded on : East by: Road, West by: Site No. 210, North by : Road, South by: Site No. 208.

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IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH 44) AT BANGALORE
OS No. 368/2021

BETWEEN: Mr. Dale Fernandez, Aged about 32 yrs, S/o Mr Candid Theodore Fernandez, Residing at Flat No. A1, Dzire, New No. 24, 3rd A Cross, Kacharakanahalli, HRBR Layout, Bangalore-560084 Represented by SPA Holder ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND:

Ms. Sara Mammen & Ors. ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 5 TO 8

Smt. Nanjamma, Aged about 64 Yrs, W/o Sri Eerappa, R/at No. 18/90, 14th Cross, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560064 ...**Defendant No. 5**

Smt. Sunitha, Age about 47 Yrs, W/o Sri Ashwathappa, R/at No. 68, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560064 ...**Defendant No. 6**

Smt. Shobha, Aged about 49 Yrs, W/o Sri Narayanaswamy, R/at No. 18/90, 14th Cross, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560064 ...**Defendant No. 7**

Represented by their registered power of Attorney Holder M/s united INC., Represented by its Managing Partner Mr. Anwar Sharif, Mr. Salman Shariff, Mr. S Damodaram Mr. B Suresh Kumar,

M/s United INC., A Partnership firm having its new office at No. B-6, 1st floor, Silvers Springs Layout, Spice Garden, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037 Represented by its Managing Partners

Mr. Anwar Sharif, Aged about 65 Yrs, S/o Sri Abdul Sattar,

Mr. Salman Shariff, Aged about 32 Yrs, So Sri Anwar Shariff,

Mr. S Damodaram, Aged aout 44 Yrs, S/o Sri S Chinnaswamy Naidu,

Mr. B Suresh Kumar, Aged about 35 Yrs, S/o Sri B Sreeramulu Naidu, ...**Defendant No. 8**

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed a suit for money recovery for claim of Rs. 30,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) payable by the Defendants jointly and severally to the Plaintiff together with an interest at the rate of 18% from the date of filing the suit till the realization of the said amount along with a sum of Rs 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) as damage towards cost, losses and expenses. You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an advocate on 11.4.2023 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon before the XLIII Addl. City Civil Judge (CCH-44), City Civil Court Complex, Bangalore to answer as to why relief prayed for should not be granted failing which the petition will be disposed ex- parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the undivided share, interest of 448 Sq. Ft in the immovable property bearing Flat No. 102 and 103, in the first floor totally measuring super built-up area 2308sq. feet, containing four bedrooms, together with two covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, terrace, contained in the multi-storied building known as "UNITED HOMES" situated at site Nos. 43,44 & 45, having Katha Nos. 27/1-43, 27/1-44 and 27/1-45, BBMP ward No. 89, totally measuring 7235 sq. and presently bears a common BBMP Katha No. 2, PID No. 89-84-2, at 3rd A cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 18th day of March 2023.

By order of the court
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court , Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff: M/s. Kapil Dixit & Co. No. 210-212, B-Wing, 2nd floor, Mittal Towers, MG Road, Bangalore 560001

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) WAJED KHAN, residing at No. 144, 10th Cross, 4th Main, Mysore Road, Bapujinagar, Bangalore-560026, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) WAJED KHAN** to **(NEW NAME) WAJED SHAH QHADRI** vide affidavit Dated 28/03/2023 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BANGALORE
(4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
OA NO. 371/2020.

BETWEEN

Punjab National Bank
Represented by its Senior Manager & Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Nagaraja.
Stressed Assets Targeted Resolution and Actions(SASTRA)
#100, Frazer Town, Mosque Road, Bangalore-560005
Email id - cs8192@pnb.co.in
PAN:
IFSC CODE : PUNB0120200
MOBILE: 0120-2490000
:Applicant

AND

Mrs. Nagarathnamma & Others
:Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION.

To

1. Mrs. Nagarathnamma,
W/o Sri. V Govindraju,
R/at : Hosakurubarakunte Village, Kasaba Hobi, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District

2. Sri. V Govindraju,
S/o V Venkateshappa.
R/at : Hosakurubarakunte Village, Kasaba Hobi, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District

3. Sri. V Devraj,
S/o V Venkateshappa.
R/at : Hosakurubarakunte Village, Kasaba Hobi, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District

Defendants

1. Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 17 & 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial institutions Act, 1993, against defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.29,54,816.91(Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen and Ninety One Paisa Only)**

2. The above mentioned Defendant is directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence to show cause wihtin 30 days from the date of publication or on 09/05/2023 at 10.30 AM as to why relief/s prayed should not be granted.

3. Take Notice that all in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence, Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the **24th day of March, 2023** at

Sd/-
By order of Tribunal
Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - I

IndiaRF India Resurgence ARC Private Limited | 3rd Floor, Unit No.304, Piramal Tower, Peninsula Corporate Park, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013

APPENDIX IV - [PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) & 9(1)]

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Property under SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to borrowers and guarantors, details whereof are mentioned below, that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged/charged to the India Resurgence ARC Private Limited (India RF/Secured Creditor), the physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of India RF/Secured Creditor **on 09-03-2023** will be sold on **09-05-2023 "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** as per the brief particulars mentioned in the schedule.

Name of the Account/Borrowers/Guarantors: 1. M/S SANTOSHI POLYMERS, Represented by Mr. Dinesh Keshwarao Atkare having its office at Sy.No.372/8(8), Hingraj Industrial Estate, Dabhel, Daman and Diu-396210. **2. Mr. Dinesh Keshwarao Atkare,** Residing at 202, Shubham Tower-1, Sarthak Co-op Village, Chala Taluka Pardi, District Valsad Vapi-396215. **3. Mr. Amresh Shantilal Shah,** Residing at 503, Nandial Co-op HSG SOC Ltd, Ridhi Place of S.V.Road, Near Kora Kendra Borivali (W), Mumbai-400092. **4. Mrs. Dipali Dinesh Atkare,** Residing at 202, Shubham Tower-1, Sarthak Co-op Village, Chala Taluka Pardi, District Valsad Vapi-396215. **5. Mr. Manan Shah,** Residing at 503, Nandial Co-op HSG SOC Ltd., Ridhi Place of S.V.Road, Near Kora Kendra Borivali (W), Mumbai-400092.

Name of the owner of the property	Nature of Possession and date	*Outstanding Amount (as on current date) & date of demand notice	Reserve Price (INR)	EMD/ Bid Increase Amount	Last date of submission of bid	Date/ Time of e-Auction	**Known encumbrances if any
Mr. Dinesh Keshwarao Atkare	Physical Possession taken on 09-03-2023	Total outstanding as on 31-03-2023 is INR:9,76,30,311 [Rupees Nine CroreSeventy-Six Lakh Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Only) Demand Notice dated 02-07-2019	Rs. 3,42,11,250/- [Rupees Three Crore Forty-Two Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only]	Rs.34, 21,125/- [Rupees Thirty-Four Lakh Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Five only] Bid Increase amount Rs.1,00,000/- [Rupees One Lakh]	08-05-2023 (5 P.M.)	09-05-2023 10A.M - 11 A.M	Nil

DETAILS OF PROPERTY:- BBMP Apartment No.103, "B" Block in the GF Named as **"Gardenia Residency"** measuring 1350 Sq.Feet of Super Built up area along with 338 Sq.Feet of UDS
BBMP Apartment No 104, "A" Block in the FF Named as **"Gardenia Residency"** measuring 1740 Sq.Feet of Super Built up area along with 417 Sq Feet of UDS
BBMP Apartment No.101, "B" Block in the GF Named as **"Gardenia Residency"** measuring 1680 Sq.Feet of Super Built up area along with 402 Sq.Feet of UDS
BBMP Apartment No 204, "A" Block in the GF Named as **"Gardenia Residency"** measuring 1575 Sq.Feet of Super Built up area along with 378 Sq Feet of UDS
In the property BBMP Khara No 36 [Previously 1A, Kumbarasule Road] situated at H.Siddaiah Road, Bangalore 560027.

***together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred up to the date of payment and realisation thereof.** **other than the encumbrances mentioned in the table above, there are no encumbrances on the Immovable property to the best of knowledge of Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor. The intending bidders should do their own independent diligence regarding the encumbrances, title of the Immovable Property. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/ rights/ dues.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. E-Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://www.bankauctions.in** . Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms & process before taking part in the e-Auction sale proceedings. **2.** The property & property documents can be inspected, with prior appointment with Authorized Officer on or before the date for e-Auction mentioned. **3.** The Immovable property will not be sold below the Reserve Price (RP) and accordingly the participating bidders are invited to bid more than the RP and may enhance their offer further during auction process as specified by the agency conducting the auction i.e. **M/s.C1 India Private Ltd. 4.** The interested bidders before the last date & time of submission of the Bid shall submit their Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to Elexa Resolution Advisors LLP, duly authorised service provider of India RF at their office at **601, 6th Floor, Time Towers, Sector 28, MG Road, Gurugram, Haryana-122002** through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS/PAY ORDER in favor of **"India Resurgence ARC Trust IV", HDFC Bank Limited, Account Number- 57500000341064, IFSC Code: HDFC0000060 payable at Mumbai.** Please note that the Cheques shall not be accepted as EMD amount. **5.** Interested bidder shall submit copy of the following documents with the Authorised Officer **Ms.Ragini M K,ragini.k@indiarf.com or with Mr. Sangamesh Masti, 9886051974 sangamesh@elexa.co.in a)** Photocopy of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT/ PAY ORDER details towards EMD amount. **b)** Self-attested photocopies of KYCs and address proof such as PAN Card, Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport/ Aadhar Card etc. **c)** Bidders Name, Contact No., Address, e-mail ID. **d)** Bidder's account details for online refund of EMD. **6.** Post registration (one time) by the bidder, the interested bidder may upload the details of aforementioned documents on the Web Portal. **7.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://www.bankauctions.in** and get their User ID and password free of cost. It shall be the obligation of the prospective bidder to avail online training on E- Auction from the agency conducting the auction/service provider namely **M/s.C1 India Private Ltd, Chennai** and **Contact Person: M Prabakaran : 07418281709, email: tn@c1india.com** , and for any property related query may contact Mr. Sangamesh Masti during the working hours from Monday to Saturday. Neither the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor nor the agency conducting auction shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event. **8.** Only buyers holding valid KYC, address proof, user ID/ Password and confirmed payment of EMD through any of the mode mentioned above in favor of "India Resurgence ARC Trust II" shall be eligible for participating in the e-Auction process. **9.** During the Online Inter-se Bidding, bidder can improve their bid amount as per the 'Bid Increase Amount' (as indicated by the agency conducting the auction namely M/s.C1 India Private Ltd)) or its multiples. In case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-Auction process shall be declared as the highest bidder by the agency holding auctions. The Authorised Officer post verification of the documents and other information shall thereafter declare such highest bidder as successful bidder and shall confirm the sale in his favour subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor. **10.** The EMD of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The EMD shall not bear any interest. **11.** The successful bidder shall immediately pay 25% of the amount of sale price (inclusive of the earnest money already deposited) on the same day or not later than next working day from the date of confirmation of sale in favor of Secured Creditor in the account as mentioned hereinabove. The balance 75% of the sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of confirmation of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing between the purchaser and the Secured Creditor, which shall not in case exceed three months. **12.** In the case of default of payment within the prescribed time mentioned above, the amounts deposited by the purchaser shall be forfeited by the Secured Creditor and the property shall be resold by the Secured creditor. All the claims and rights over the property of the defaulting purchaser shall stand forfeited. **13.** Once the terms of the payments mentioned above have been complied, the Authorised Officer shall issue certificate of sale of the immovable property in favor of the purchaser. **14.** The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fees etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody in relation to the property. **15.** The Authorized Officer in its sole discretion may accept or reject any bid, adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e- Auction without any prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof. **16.** The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction Process available on the web portal of **https://www.bankauctions.in** , before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction. **17.** Special Instructions: Bidding in the last moment should be avoided. Neither the Secured Creditor nor Service provider will be responsible for any technical lapse/ power or internet failure etc. In order to avoid such contingent situations bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped and have all alternatives such as power supply back-up etc., so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the online Inter-se Bidding, successfully. **18.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained hereinabove, if the borrower has paid the outstanding amount along with future interest computable till the date of payment in full any time before the date of publication of this notice for public auction, in such an event in terms of section 13 (8) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, the Secured Creditor shall not transfer the Secured Assets by way of lease, assignment or sale.

Date: 31-03-2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, India Resurgence ARC Private Limited**